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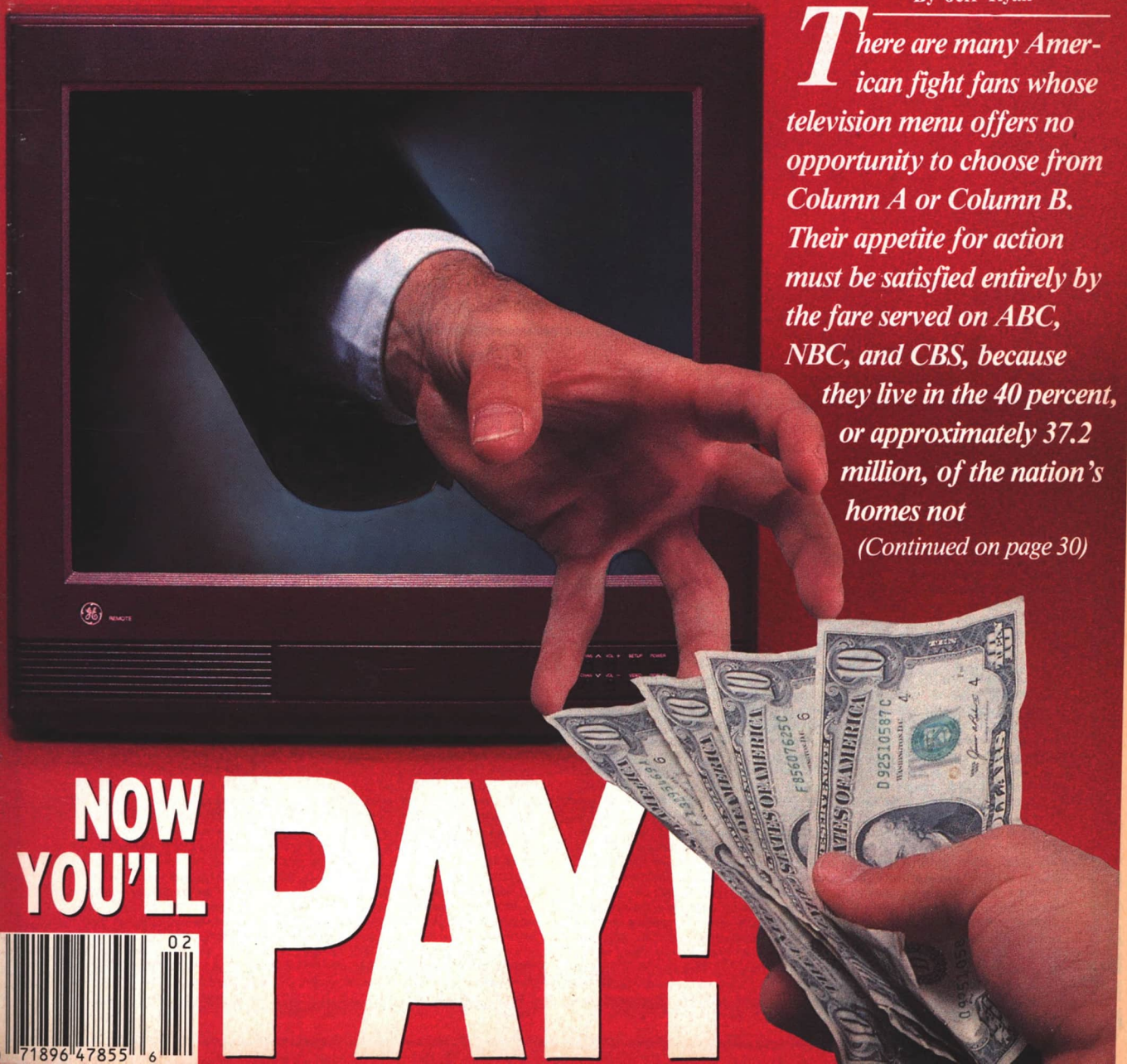

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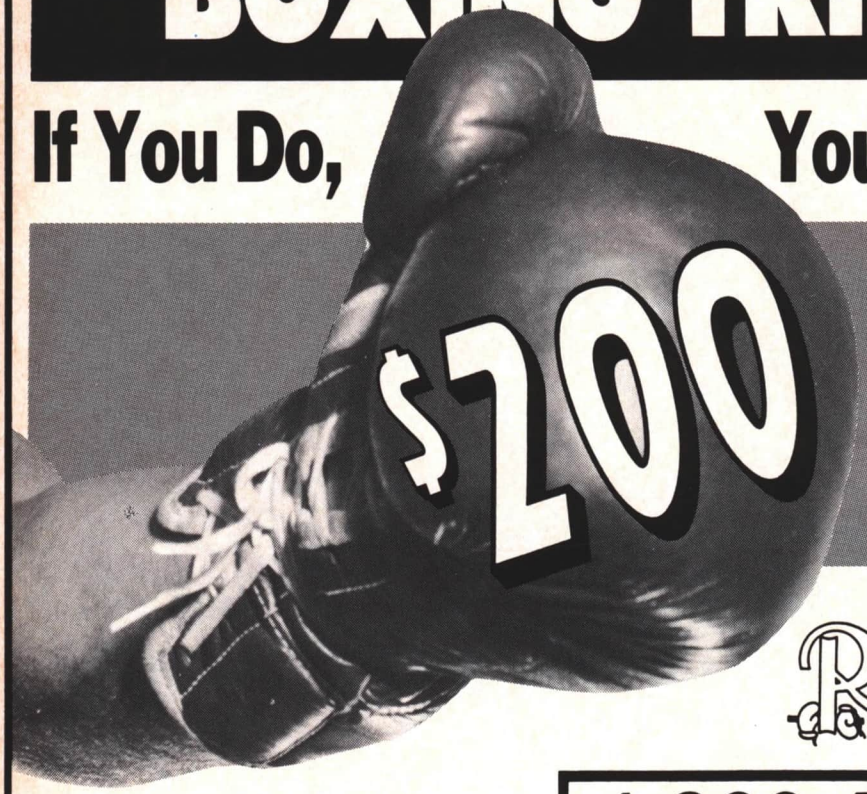

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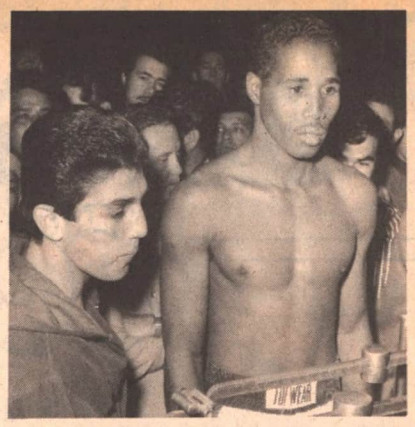

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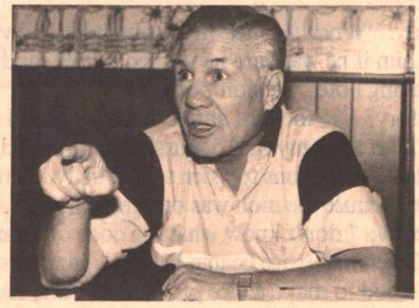

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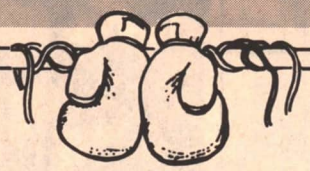
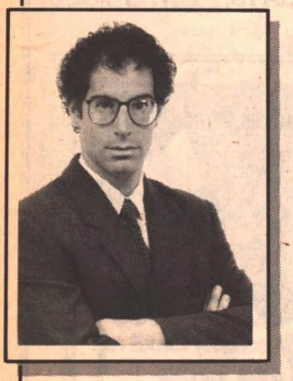


In January 1916, former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson mailed a signed confession to *The Ring* founder Nat Fleischer, who was then a newspaperman. In the document, Johnson wrote that he had thrown his 1915 title fight with Jess Willard, who had scored a 26th-round knockout. Fleischer never printed it because he questioned Johnson's motives; it was the hope of Johnson, who was financially strapped, that Fleischer would be able to sell the confession to a newspaper or magazine for a hefty sum.



When I heard that former middleweight contender Harold Green was willing to discuss his controversial September 1945 kayo loss to Rocky Graziano, it was only natural for me to question his motives. I'm sure that after you read Associate Editor Robert Cassidy's exclusive story on page 46, you'll question them, too. One thing's for sure: They didn't concern money.

And another thing to consider: Harold Green *did not* seek us out. Instead, the story came to us in a most unusual way. In August, Assistant Photo Editor Al Bello was visiting his boyhood friend, Steven Schwartzbart, in Los Angeles. Schwartzbart happens to be the grandson of Green. During a casual conversation, he was telling Bello about his grandfather's career when he mentioned that Green had twice beaten Graziano—and taken a dive in their third fight. Bello may take pictures for a living, but he knows a hot story when he hears one. Upon his return to New York, he told Cassidy about what his friend had said. Cassidy called Green, who still lives in his native Brooklyn, to see if the former fighter would be willing to talk.

"He was," said Cassidy. "When we met, he was hesitant and vague at times. But when I asked him if he was sure he wanted to talk, and whether he understood that I'd be taking notes, he didn't object."

Do I believe Green's story? I've thought about that a lot, and I still haven't come up with an answer. But after my first discussion with Cassidy, I concluded that there were plenty of reasons to listen to it. Firstly, there *were* fixed fights in the '40s and '50s because the mob was omnipotent, and a lot of money was illegally bet on boxing. I don't know what the odds of Graziano-Green III were, but given that Green had twice beaten his rival, gamblers who backed Rocky probably stood to make a nice profit. Secondly, I couldn't dismiss the physical evidence, and what at least *appeared* to be Green's lack of selfish motives.

At Ray Arcel's 90th birthday party last year, Steven Schwartzbart said he ran into Rocky Graziano, who told him:

"You're grandfather was great. He could've beaten me any time."

Now what do you think he meant by that?

Steve Farhood
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MOST ANNOYING

I enjoyed the "Ryan Out Loud" column in the December 1990 issue that featured the 10 most annoying people in boxing. But two of the selections didn't belong.

In place of Roberto Duran should have been Michael Nunn. The Nunn-Starling match was a ridiculous display of a middleweight wimp failing to drive back a 5'7" welterweight. Afterward, Nunn had the nerve to boast that he was the world's greatest middleweight. *That* was annoying.

Referee Mills Lane did not belong either. He applies the discipline needed to keep a fight under control. What about Carlos Padilla, that bozo who let Nigel Benn beat up on Iran Barkley when Barkley was clearly down? Do you think Lane would have stood for cheap shots like that? He would have done the right thing and disqualified Benn after his second offense.

SCOTT HUDSON
Peabody, MA

Jeff Ryan's column in the December 1990 issue was right on the money. I'd like to move Mills Lane up a few numbers, but your sequence is so good, I don't think it would improve the rankings. Lane's signature command of "Let's get it on!" is in such contrast to Richard Steele's willingness to jump between any two fighters to save them from further harm. It makes you wonder how two people could approach the same job with such different attitudes.

ART BOBLETT
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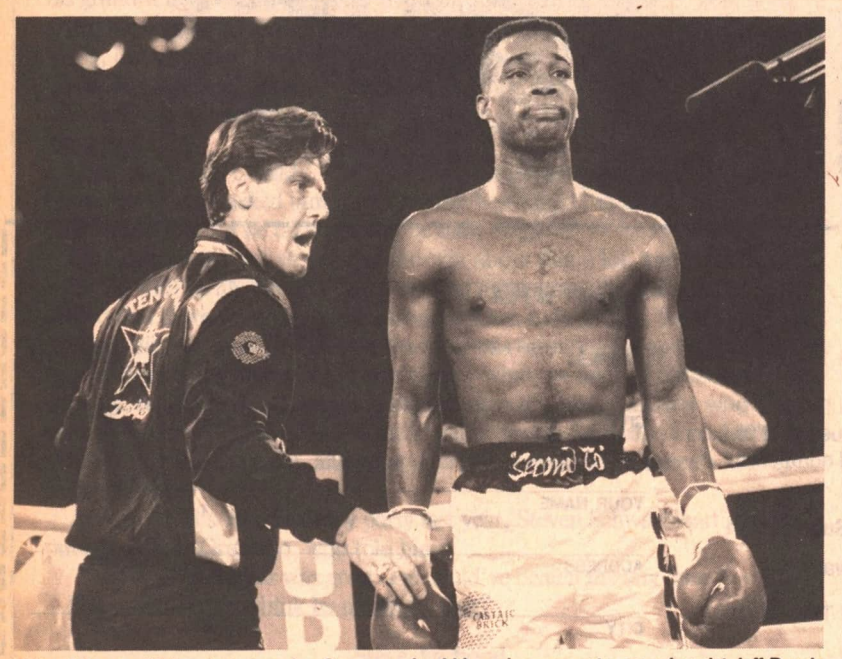
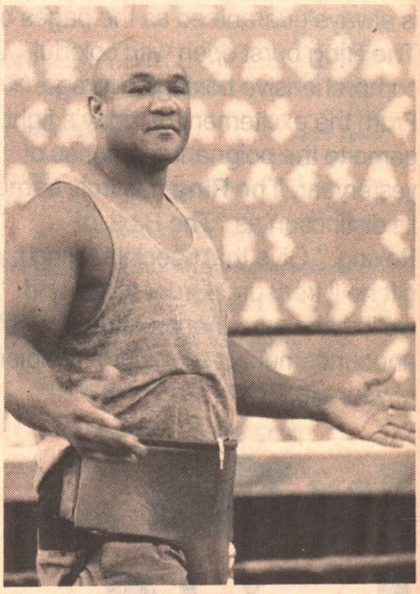


Michael Nunn, with former trainer Joe Goossen, should have been an entry on columnist Jeff Ryan's list of the most annoying people in boxing, according to reader Scott Hudson.

IS BIG GEORGE TOP 10?

Instead of trying to unravel the mysteries of the alphabet ratings, I used to turn to *The Ring* ratings, which were based solely on fistic merit and accomplishment, and not the work of good press agents. I understand that being a champion does not always mean that a fighter is the best in his weight class. But rating fighters on potential is an injustice to the fighters who have proven themselves in the ring.



Does Big George Foreman belong in the heavyweight top 10? Many readers believe that his string of comeback victories qualifies him.

If you're going to rate fighters on potential, I suppose you should enter George Foreman in your heavyweight top 10. (Not that he deserves it.) Because on any given night, he has the ability to knock out anyone.

Please return to a system of rating fighters solely on fistic merit. Then you can again be considered "The Bible of Boxing," and not just another boxing magazine.

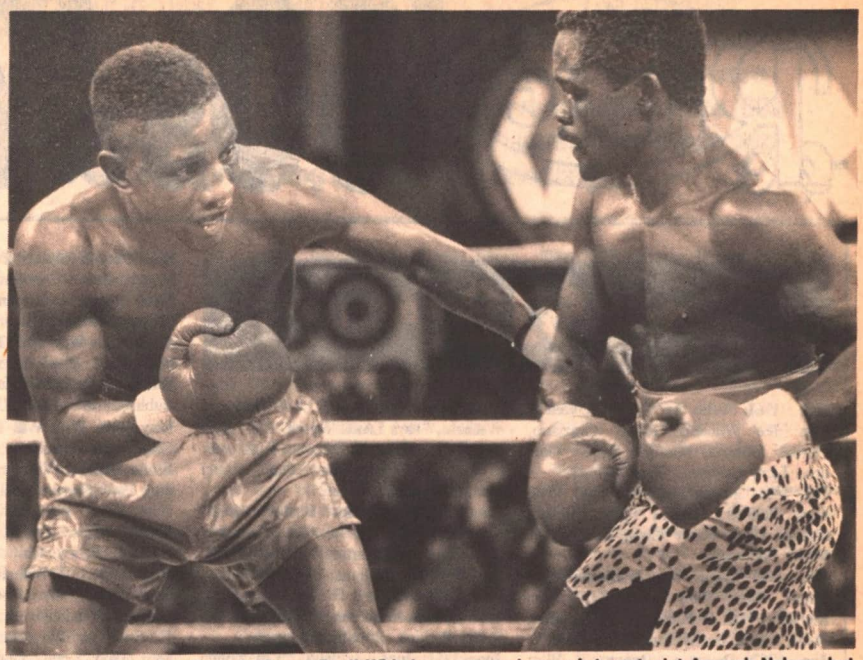
CHARLES CUMMINGS
Falls Church, VA

How can you rate Tim Witherspoon at number five in your heavyweight ratings when he hasn't fought a contender in years? He was pretty good a few years ago, but now? Forget it.

Also, who is Francesco Damiani? I follow boxing religiously, and I've never seen him fight. And probably never will.

If you think George Foreman couldn't beat Riddick Bowe or Carl Williams or Evander Holyfield or anyone else in your ratings, you ought to be reporting the weather news.

BILL SPENCE
Muncie, IN



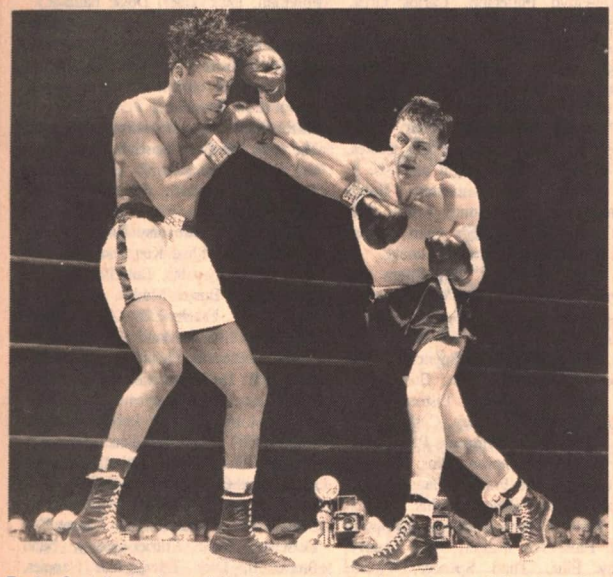
Lightweight champion Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker was good enough to outpoint Azumah Nelson, but will he be able to handle Julio Cesar Chavez, the consensus selection as boxing's best fighter?

A REAL-LIFE ROCKY

Watching fights from Atlantic City, and championship fights as well, I've repeatedly heard the name Rocky Castellani as a judge. I'm wondering if this is the same gentleman who was a welterweight and middleweight contender in the '40s and '50s. I recall that Castellani fought the best fighters in the world. Is the judge one and the same?

CARL SCHWABE
Trenton, NJ

Editor's Note: Today's fight judge was indeed yesterday's fighter. Attilio "Rocky" Castellani, born in Luzerne, Pennsylvania, in 1926, fought the first six bouts of his career under the name "Rocky Wargo." He turned pro in 1944 and had a successful 14-year career. Castellani faced, among others, Lenny Mancini, Tony DeMarco, Harold Green, Kid Gavilan, Joey Giardello, Johnny Bratton, Billy Graham, Bobo Olson, Gene Fullmer, and Sugar Ray Robinson. On August 20, 1954, Castellani lost a 15-round decision to middleweight champion Olson in San Francisco. It was his only world title try. His career mark: 65-13-4.



Rocky Castellani, pictured landing a right against welterweight champion Johnny Bratton, is now among boxing's busiest fight judges.

DOUBTING "SWEET PEA"

I disagree with the opinion of most boxing experts; I think Julio Cesar Chavez would murder Pernell Whitaker. Yes, yes, Whitaker is an excellent escape artist, but Chavez' pressure is so consistent, his punches so short, sharp, and compact, and his experience so established that he can stick to his game plan for 12 rounds.

Chavez moved up in weight and faced Meldrick Taylor, a fighter who has the fastest hands in boxing and who was twice as strong as any lightweight. Taylor is a tornado, and Chavez weathered the storm, even though he was being outpointed. Compared to Taylor, Whitaker will be a piece of cake. When the circus is over, Chavez will still be the champion.

ROBIN VINSON
Detroit, MI

No sooner had Pernell Whitaker unified the lightweight division than people began calling him the best fighter in the world. Well, it looks like the people have again been fooled. So Whitaker knocked out Juan Nazario and became the first undisputed lightweight champion since Roberto Duran. Big deal. Whitaker should thank his stars that he wasn't around at the same time as Duran or Alexis Arguello, or even two years ago, when Julio Cesar Chavez ruled the division. Whitaker's rise to the top says more about the lack of quality lightweights than it does about his talent.

Sure, Whitaker beat a has-been in Greg Haugen, a retread in Jose Luis Ramirez, and a never-will-be in Nazario. But how will he fare against a true great like Chavez? How about a rejuvenated Hector Camacho? Or Buddy McGirt? I believe Whitaker is a talented champion, but until he steps in the ring against one of these fighters, I will continue to dispute his status.

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ROUND ONE

THE RICH GET POORER: Houston socialite Josephine Abercrombie, who was a fight fan long before she became a promoter, had this idea: Invest lots of money, treat fighters like people, offer them the best food, housing, and facilities, and develop champions. After eight years, three world titlists, and enough red ink to change the color of Astroturf, she's quitting in her corner.

Abercrombie, who spends most of her time at her thoroughbred farm in Versailles, Kentucky, helped make Frank Tate, Calvin Grove, and Orlando Canizales champions, but it wasn't enough.

"It didn't work out," she said. "I started out in the business, hoping, thinking I could make a difference for the kids. I was full of enthusiasm and hope. I even went to Washington and talked to Congress about a boxing bill. I hoped I could make a difference. I didn't want to lose money, but I started losing a lot of money."

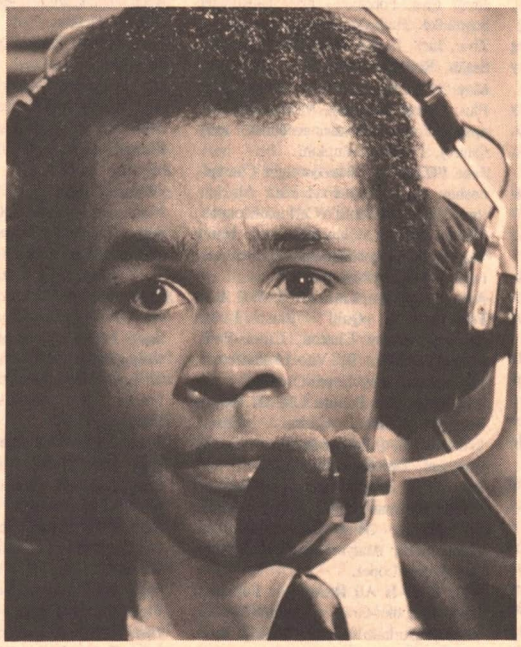
Abercrombie also cited the paucity of network TV dates for her departure. Champions like IBF bantamweight king Canizales, whose contract calls for $75,000 to $150,000 per fight, and prospects like heavyweight Lou Savarese and Olympian Todd Foster, have few opportunities to fight for lucrative purses.

In a game dominated by crass and confrontational promoters like Don King and Bob Arum, Abercrombie's class and low-key approach will be missed.

"I've been a fight fan all my life, and I'll always be one," she said.

SUGARLESS TV: Sugar Ray Leonard, the fighter of the '80s, and HBO, the TV network of the '80s: If the marriage wasn't an artistic success, at least it helped create the desired images.

But now we're in the '90s, and in October, Leonard and HBO underwent a sudden divorce. Sugar Ray, who first worked as an HBO analyst for the James Scott-Eddie Mustafa Muhammad battle in October 1978, is scheduled to challenge WBC super welterweight titlist Terry Norris in January or February on Showtime, HBO's chief rival. According to Seth Abraham, president of Time Warner Sports, HBO's parent company, "If [HBO is] not offered the opportunity to bid on the fight, then . . . it's inappropriate for Ray to continue as an HBO broadcaster."



Sugar Ray can return the HBO headset

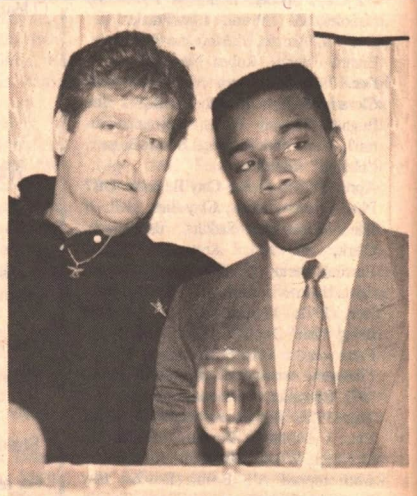
"It's purely business," said Bob Greenway, HBO's vice president of sports programming.

Trainer's side: "There has never been any linkage to Ray Leonard broadcasting for HBO and Ray Leonard fighting on HBO. Ray isn't under contract anyway. It ran out about nine months ago, but because he had missed a couple of fights due to his own training, he was fulfilling his obligation."

DOUBLE DUTY: Ideally, the relationship between promoter and manager is adversarial, with the promoter seeking to maximize his profits, and the manager trying to cut the best deal for his fighter. But some of the powers that be, like Don King and Dan Duva, prefer more convenient arrangements. Promoter King "negotiates" with manager Carl King (his son), and promoter Duva does the same with manager Lou Duva (his father).

In other parts of the boxing world, like England, you can be licensed to promote and manage the same fighter. But until now, such a practice has been illegal around the United States, prompting the Kings and Duvas to adopt a familial approach.

In September, the California Athletic Commission licensed manager Dan

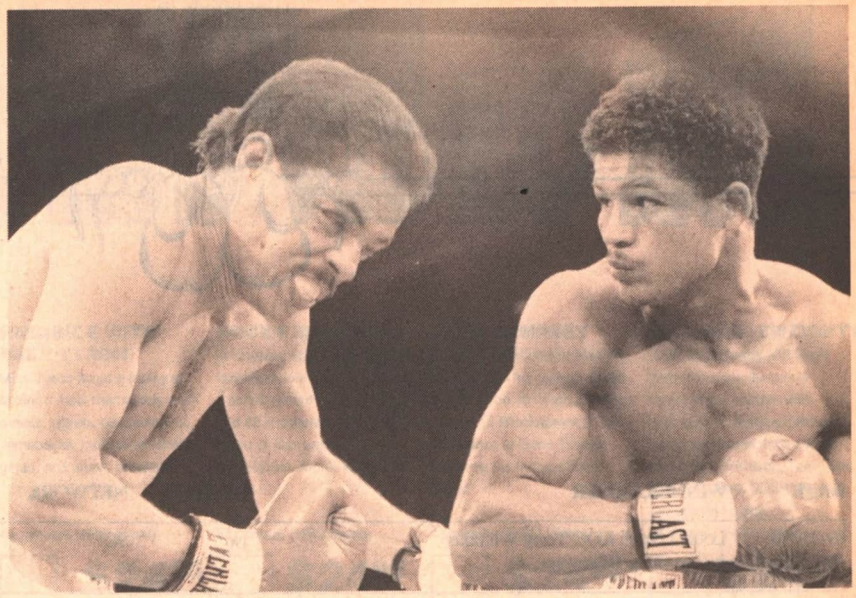


Goossen with former charge Michael Nunn

Goossen as a president of Al Goossen Promotions (a.k.a. Ten Goose Boxing). Goossen will now both promote and manage his fighters, including contenders Gabe and Rafael Ruelas.

"Dan Goossen is trying to bring some legitimacy to what's here, and that's good," said commissioner Steve English, who emphasized that all managers and promoters will be examined on an individual basis. "There's a great deal of integrity with what goes on there [Ten Goose], and I think everyone will act responsibly with regard to the promotion and the fighters themselves.

"It won't work against the fighters' best interests unless problems are created. And if there are, the commission will look at it, particularly concerning who a fighter fights, and how much he gets paid."

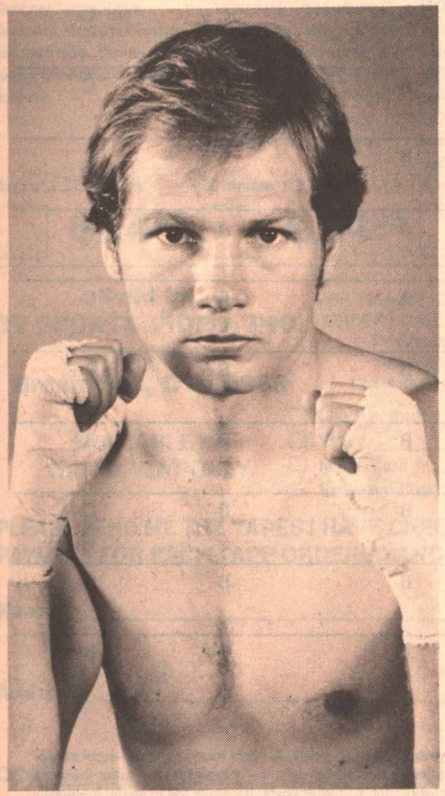


Sosa will now be punching for Top Rank

WRITING AND FIGHTING: In February 1983, Randy Shields lost 28 pounds in 13 days before losing to future welterweight champion Milton McCrory. It was his last fight . . . until September, when the Californian joined the Seniors Tour, winning a 10-round decision over Stewart Baynes.

"My body feels fine," said Shields, 34, who plans to campaign as a middleweight. "I still have my old injuries, I've just learned how to work with them."

His knowledge was needed against Baynes. Shields entered the bout with a sore jaw, and was smacked solidly in round four. "I didn't feel anything; I just pushed [my jaw] back into place," he said. Two sets of X-rays later, he sounded like a ventriloquist, his fractured jaw being kept in place by a set of wires.



The comebacking Randy Shields

Shields' comeback is different from the others at least in his motivation. After losing to McCrory, he began penning screenplays—18 in all—that featured boxing as the central theme. Two of them have been optioned by independent film production companies. (Shields says he is also being considered for the lead role in a boxing movie.)

"It's not like I have a passion for boxing," he said. "I have plenty of other things I could do. But I can go straight to the top. If I didn't think I could come back and win the title, I wouldn't be doing it."

Shields says he's not bitter than his prime coincided with the glory days of the welterweight division, when Wilfred Benitez, Thomas Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Pipino Cuevas were attaining the status of legends. (Shields fought all four, and lost title fights to Cuevas and Hearns.)

"I feel I was as good or better than they were—if I hadn't gotten hurt," he said.

While eating his meals through a straw, Shields must be wondering if, almost eight years later, he's still being haunted by the same demons.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Bobby Naidoo, a longtime official of the WBC, died in London. He was in his early-60s . . . Light heavyweight Alphonso Walker, 26, who worked as a longshoreman, was crushed to death between two semi-trailers while a container ship was being loaded in Port of Jackson, Florida. His record was 16-2 . . . Davey Day, 78, who fought for the lightweight and welterweight titles, died of liver cancer in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Day, who compiled a record of 74-7-6, was stopped in 12 rounds by 147-pound champion Henry Armstrong in March 1939, and lost a 15-round decision to Sammy Angott in a bout for the vacant NBA 135-pound title in May 1940 . . . Promotional leapfrog: Sizzling middleweight prospect Merqui Sosa has jumped from Madison Square Garden to Top Rank, only a few weeks after promising bantamweight Junior Jones made the same move . . . Welterweight Kevin Pompey's split decision victory over Darryl Lattimore was even tougher than it seemed. Pompey broke his right hand in the first round, and after the fight took 16 stitches over one eye and 12 over the other. ■

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09/17/90	Louie Lomeli KO 2 Terry Whitaker *Pathetic effort by unwilling Whitaker*	jw	SC	B-	C-	F
09/18/90	Lupe Gutierrez KO 4 Myron Taylor *Winner's rapid-fire style overwhelms faded Taylor*	USBA f	USA	A-	B+	B+
09/20/90	Johnny Tapia W 12 Luigi Camputaro *Shutout; hot Tapia too tall, fast for willing Camputaro*	USBA jb	ESPN	A-	B+	B-
09/22/90	**Tony Lopez W 12 Jorge Paez** *Good action, decent pace, but never a threat of a kayo*	**IBF jl**	**NBC**	**A**	**A**	**B+**
09/22/90	Rafael Ruelas KO 7 Felipe DeJesus *Hot prospect Ruelas overanxious against limited foe*	f	NBC	C+	C	C
09/24/90	Rodney Moore W 10 Jerry Page *Moore scores knockdown, but Page tougher than expected*	jw	SC	B	B+	B
09/25/90	George Foreman KO 1 Terry Anderson *Big George, only 259, does it with one punch*	h	USA	A-	C+	C-
09/27/90	Tracy Patterson KO 5 Julio Blanco *Competition? Mexico's Blanco 0-for-5 in the U.S.*	f	MSG	B-	C-	C
09/27/90	Frank Tate KO 7 Greg Everett *Tate's speed and counters too much for aggressive foe*	lh	ESPN	B	B+	B
10/01/90	**Loreto Garza W 12 Juan Coggi** *Hand and foot speed allow challenger to take title*	**WBA jw**	**SC (tape)**	**A**	**A-**	**C+**
10/02/90	Nate Miller KO 5 Michael Greer *35-year-old Greer used up; target practice for champion*	NABF c	USA	A-	B	C-
10/04/90	Kevin Pompey W 12 Darryl Lattimore *Split decision in predictably rugged, evenly contested rumble*	w	ESPN	B	B+	B+
10/08/90	James Leija D 10 Edward Parker *Excellent action; prospect survives huge jump in class*	f	SC	B	B+	B+
10/08/90	Jorge Vaca Tech. Dec. 6 Quincy Taylor *Taylor lethargic; Vaca ahead when butted in sixth*	jm	PT	B-	B-	C+
10/09/90	Hector Lizzaraga KO 4 Renaldo Carter *Hammers to body destroy overrated Carter*	f	USA	B-	B	B-
10/11/90	Roger Mayweather W 10 Mike Johnson *Johnson ineffective after finally closing the distance*	jw	ESPN	B	B+	B

Category explanation: "Significance"—The importance of the bout to the division and the fighters' future; "Matchup"—The quality of the fighters and the prefight determination of how their styles will mesh; "Result"—How the bout turned out, from the viewer's perspective.)

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1 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
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Philadelphia, PA *18-1*

5 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *27-1*

6 **MASSIMILIANO DURAN**
Italy *17-0 (WBC Champ)*

7 **MIKE HUNTER**
Las Vegas, NV *15-2-2*

8 **CARLOS DeLEON**
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England *19-5-1*

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Weight limit: 175 pounds

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Detroit, MI *38-8-2 (WBC Champ)*

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Wanaque, NJ *37-5*

6 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *17-1*

7 **DAVID VEDDER**
San Jose, CA *13-9-3*

8 **BOOKER T. WORD**
Ypsilanti, MI *18-1-1*

9 **GRACIANO ROCCHIGIANI**
Germany *29-0*

10 **URIAH GRANT**
Miami, FL *20-8*

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Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **SUGAR RAY LEONARD**
Potomac, MD *36-1-1*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

3 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *42-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

5 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *18-1-1*

6 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-1-1*

7 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *12-2*

8 **JOHN JARVIS**
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Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
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Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *33-1*

6 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *30-0*

7 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *27-2-1*

8 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *17-0-1*

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Henderson, NV *25-3-1*

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Washington, D.C. *32-3*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *32-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *36-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *42-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *21-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *21-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JERRY NGOBENI**
South Africa *18-1*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *20-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-3-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-3*

4 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *51-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

5 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *38-4-1*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *38-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *18-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *23-0-2*

10 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *18-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-4 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *32-1*

3 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *27-0 (IBF Champ)*

4 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *33-4*

6 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *37-2*

7 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *25-2*

8 **LUIS MENDOZA**
Colombia *28-2-2 (WBA Champ)*

9 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *13-0*

10 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *16-0*

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- In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.
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- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *35-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *49-4-1*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **NIGEL BENN**
England *27-1*

5 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *17-1*

6 **HEROL GRAHAM**
England *43-2*

7 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

8 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

9 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *27-1-1*

10 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *24-0*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *49-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *21-0*

6 **JULIO CESAR VAZQUEZ**
Argentina *25-0*

7 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *50-1-2*

8 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-2*

9 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

10 **GILBERT DELE**
France *24-0-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1-1*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *50-2-1*

5 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *31-0 (WBA Champ)*

6 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

7 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *31-1*

8 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

10 **KIRKLAND LAING**
England *37-7-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *70-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *38-6*

4 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *38-0*

5 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-2-2*

6 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *29-1*

7 **VINNY PAZIENZA**
Cranston, RI *30-4*

8 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *22-2-2*

9 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Essex County, NJ *18-0*

10 **PAT BARRETT**
England *25-1-1*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *26-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *23-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3-1*

5 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

6 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

7 **FERNIE MORALES**
Mexico *27-3*

8 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *20-1-1*

9 **BILLY HARDY**
England *23-5-1*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *45-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *12-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *17-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *20-0*

6 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *32-1*

7 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *18-2*

8 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *20-0-1*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *10-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *29-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *22-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *16-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *27-4 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *38-2*

5 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-3*

6 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *20-2-1*

7 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-3*

8 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *25-6-1*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *37-9-1*

10 **JONATHAN PENALOSA**
Philippines *10-0*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Light Flyweight

9 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

10 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

KATZ SCAN

SMALL IDEAS

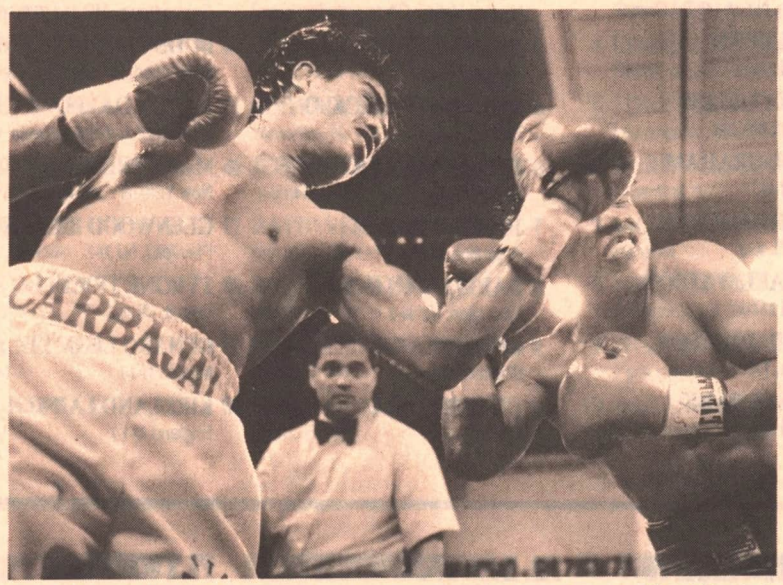
By Michael Katz

Bob Arum is okay when he thinks small. That's what I admire in great minds: the ability to put things in size places with the idea that smaller may be better.

Arum has been fostering the idea that a 108-pound fighter like Michael Carbajal can have a million-dollar bout. Let the cynics scoff. It is a long overdue payoff for the men who, ounce for ounce, expend more energy, more talent, more skill, and more drama than most heavyweight tonnage can sweat off in a year. Let Carbajal represent all fighters who have been overlooked because they don't stand tall. And let them all share in the revenues that have unfairly gone to bigger, but less talented, athletes. Let the small inherit the windfall. Let the Little Revolution begin.

And I say that at a time when the elephantine herds of heavyweight champions like Tony Tubbs, Greg Page, Tim Witherspoon, Trevor Berbick, Pinklon Thomas, and such ilk have thankfully been replaced by an exciting series of fights involving the Really Big Five of James Douglas, Evander Holyfield, George Foreman, Razor Ruddock, and little Mike Tyson. I say that because, finally, there's a promoter out there willing to build up fighters who do not need building up, even though they weigh less than Foreman's left bicep.

And I say, what took him so long? I remember a magic weekend in Las Vegas when Salvador Sanchez beat the brave but overmatched Wilfredo Gomez, and the next day Juan LaPorte surprised Rocky Lockridge with a right hand off the ropes. I turned to Jose Torres, the light heavyweight writer, and remarked that as far as I was concerned, I would be happy covering featherweight fights for the rest of my career.



On a TV screen, Michael Carbajal, pictured making a power statement against Miguel Banda, is as big as a heavyweight. In his weight class, Carbajal is a legitimate kayo hitter.

It was long Arum's theory that boxing just did not attract the best of big athletes, not when basketball and football offered almost the same riches for much less the risk.

But in a country with no soccer tradition, smaller athletes were able to strike it rich only in individual sports, and the poorer athletes were not about to get many golf and tennis lessons in the country clubs of Bed-Stuy and Watts. Carbajal's only chance for expression as an athlete from the barrio of Phoenix would come in a ring.

It would be unfair for me to give Arum credit now that he is trying to popularize the smallest of weights. Don King was the major advocate of the little guy in the '70s. He used the little giants to rebound from his scandal-ridden ABC-televised boxing tournament in 1977, putting such as Gomez, Alexis Arguello (who, remember, was first a featherweight champion), Alfredo Escalera, Esteban DeJesus, and especially an exciting lightweight named Roberto Duran on network TV on a regular basis.

Arum has been an advocate of the smaller weight classes for as long as he hasn't had a real player in the heavyweight division. King, meanwhile, has more and more concentrated on the heavyweights.

"That's where the money is," said Bob Yalen, the ABC talent scout who has been in the forefront of the Little

Revolution. "King doesn't concern himself with small peanuts."

King's love affair with the big guys is understandable—if you understand greed. The heavyweights have long been boxing's major league in this country, fairly or unfairly. It has been a fact of life. There is the mystique that these are guys who can claim to lick any man in the house, no matter where in the world the house is located. Never mind that Sonny Liston, as fearsome a heavyweight as ever lived, was probably only the fifth or sixth toughest guy in his Philadelphia neighborhood pool hall.

There is the sudden drama of heavyweight fights, the feeling that no matter what has gone on before, it can change with one punch. The flip side is that the little guys don't hit hard enough to warrant attention.

Even Arum, who brought in Carbajal on a silver medal platter after the 1988 Olympics, first thought his million-dollar fighter "punched like a typical little man—slap, slap, slap." It took Richie Sandoval, a former bantamweight champion, to show his boss that Carbajal's charisma was worth any number of uppercuts. Sandoval also showed that when Carbajal sat on his punches, the "slaps" were sufficient to handle other 108-pounders.

That's been one of the weaknesses of boxing promoters. Of course Carbajal doesn't punch like Tyson. But he's not hitting Buster Douglas. It's all relative, and with a sport that fits perfectly on a TV screen, it does not matter how big the athletes are, as long as they're the same comparative size.

Yeah, but they can't knock holes in the walls.

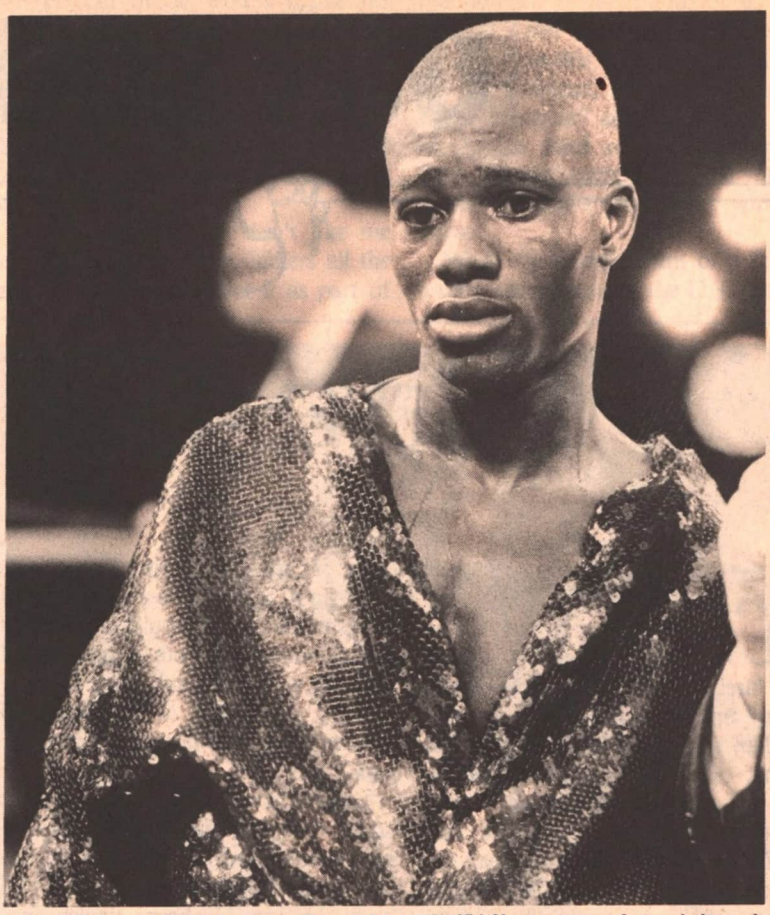
"Tell that to the 51 knockout victims Carlos Zarate had in 52 fights," said Yalen.

Or tell it to the opponents of Wilfredo Gomez and Roberto Duran, of Jeff Chandler and Khaosai Galaxy. And tell it to the brave little men, like Johnny Owen and Davey Moore, who died from bantamweight and featherweight punches. They punch and they punch hard and they punch in combinations.

"Pound for pound, they punch as hard as anyone," said Yalen.

The ABC executive said the resurgence in the lower weights was probably due to American fighters catching up with their small foreign cousins.

"There are more Americans among them now," said Yalen. "The average fan in this country, who would he watch more, a Zarate or a Hagler?"



Lighter fighters like junior bantamweight knockout artist Kid Akeem are now featured players in promoter Bob Arum's plans. World-class flys and bantams are growing in prominence.

Arum has been building up not only Carbajal, but three other boxers who could all fit into Foreman—Johnny Tapia, Kid Akeem, and Scotty Olson. They are all fighting at 115 pounds or less, and two of them are foreigners, Akeem from Nigeria and Olson from Canada. Still, Arum envisions a sort of round-robin for big money. Carbajal was to get a minimum of $200,000 for his first IBF junior flyweight defense. Arum saw $1-million for his little Olympian as a payday against the great little Mexican, Humberto "La Chiquita" Gonzalez, but figured Gonzalez first had to build up into a major attraction Stateside. Carbajal and Tapia, on the same card at Bally's Las Vegas, against tuneup type of opposition, drew a $31,500 gate, a record for an ESPN show that is generally happy to do $18,000. Arum figures Carbajal and Gonzalez could do a $2-million live gate in Vegas in a year or two.

It is building. What little business NBC is giving boxing these days has been going to Carbajal and bigger little guys like Jorge Paez and Tony Lopez. HBO is hoping for a round-robin among such delights as Chavez, Meldrick Taylor, Hector Camacho, and Pernell Whitaker. Yalen has been working on two giant little fights—a bantamweight unification between IBF champion Orlando Canizales and WBA king Luisito Espinosa, plus a 130-pound showdown with triple-champion Jeff Fenech going for his fourth title against Azumah Nelson. Yalen said he was also interested in a 105-pound Filipino named Ala Villamor, who has 12 kayos in a 13-0 record and is becoming the Philippines' greatest prospect since Flash Elorde.

"I've been bugging ABC for years about the little guys," said Yalen. "And now they see the ratings."

And if you talk about another kind of ratings, as in pound-for-pound, who could make a top 10 without including such little giants as Chavez, Whitaker, Taylor, Canizales, Gonzalez, and Fenech?

Don't think big. ■

RYAN

OUT LOUD

A SEVEN-YEAR ITCH

By Jeff Ryan

You didn't have to watch *The Wonderful World of Disney* to be lured into a fantasy world while growing up in the late-'60s and early-'70s. No, you only had to be tuned in to what preceded it: a Sunday afternoon of sports programming. Label me one of those impressionable kids who fell hook, line, and sinkerball for the notion that the sports world was the last refuge on earth where good always overcame evil, justice always prevailed, and everyone but the '69 Baltimore Orioles lived happily ever after.

As an adult, I wised up, but not completely. It's odd, because I have never been an idealist in everyday life. But sports was another story. Whatever the situation in the ring, between the white lines, or on some endless expanse of Astroturf, some would see the glass as half-empty, and others as half-full. I'd look at it and think, *You know, if it were just filled to the brim, we wouldn't have to bother debating the issue.*

Gladly, but also quite sadly, I must admit that I've finally been cured of my sweat-soaked idealism. I'd clung to it so long, so desperately—as though it were the last blueberry danish in a room full of ravenous boxing scribes—but a few weeks ago, I purposely released my grip and went plunging into the abyss of lost hope. It's cold and dark down there, but now, at least, I've got plenty of company.

What finished me off wasn't $50 autograph sessions or George Steinbrenner's friends in low places or the University of Colorado winning a football game on *fifth* down. No, in the end it was boxing. After seven years in this business, I've got the seven-year itch. Or maybe the sport is just giving me a rash.

Understand that I'm not naive. I'd always known that the sweet science didn't play by any rules except its own, and that honesty, integrity, and respect were values it treasured about as much as a pair of old handwraps. But there were always signs of hope for someone like me, a sorry fool who refused to stop hoping that somehow it would get its spit together.

There was the IBF riding in on a white horse to, it promised, rescue us from the dreaded WBA and WBC. There was Mike Tyson scouring the heavyweight division like Mr. Clean, ridding it of the waxy buildup of three titlists with names like—*ugh*—Berbick, Smith, and Tucker. There were Donald Trump's millions to guarantee good fights, and the decision of various state athletic commissions to meet on a regular basis to discuss safety. Would it be the first step toward a long-overdue federal boxing commission?

Of course not. The WBA, WBC, and IBF have been joined by the WBO, IBC, and WBF, the latter run by Larry Carrier, owner of the Bristol (Tennessee) International Raceway. (During WBF title fights, look for ref Mills Lane to replace his trademark "Let's get it on!" with "Gentlemen, start your engines!") Chaos still reigns, but not Tyson. Donald Trump? If what we read about his finances is true, I feel like loaning him a twenty the next time I see him ringside. That

Is Donald Trump asking to borrow 20 bucks from Sugar Ray Leonard? Given the promoter's current financial state, his major Atlantic City fight extravaganzas may slowly fade away.

is, if I ever *do* see him at ringside again.

Boxing craves such confusion, and I've stopped believing it will ever be otherwise. So I've begun looking at the fight game totally for what it is, and not at all for what I want it to be. It gets scary when you peek at some other sport, see an issue that is considered to be of major importance, and then realize that in boxing, it wouldn't cause anyone to turn away from a four-round prelim or look up from his or her fight program.

Tuning to *NFL Live* and *The NFL Today* a few weeks ago, all I heard was talk about *Boston Herald* reporter Lisa Olson and the alleged sexual harassment she encountered from a few of the New England Patriots. It was played as a major sports incident, as well it should have. But it made me recall the relatively insignificant weigh-in for the Hector Camacho-Vinny Pazienza fight in February.

There was a coverup when Hector Camacho weighed in for his February bout with Vinny Pazienza. While stripping, Camacho didn't seem to care that the room full of observers included several women.

In front of a crowd that included female reporters, a smiling Camacho stripped completely naked. Fighters occasionally do this at weigh-ins, but discreetly, and only when they desperately fear a few ounces of underwear will push them over their weight limit. But such fighters never tell the ladies in attendance, as Camacho did, that they are about to experience a thrill. There was no uproar, though, just giggles from the women in the crowd. Is that because the people around boxing are more progressive thinkers than Lisa Olson, or because they expect boxing to be crude and base? Guess.

When Cincinnati Bengals football coach Sam Wyche refused to allow a female reporter in his locker room, there was an outcry from the press. "She can't do her job," they said. "She's being denied access." Access? What is that? Mike Tyson has denied 99.9 percent of *all* writers access for much of the past two years. Sure, certain players in all sports won't talk to the press, but never has an athlete the magnitude of Tyson totally clammed up. Imagine Joe Montana or Jose Canseco boycotting tape recorders and Bics.

Two promoters who don't like me deny me access to their fighters all the time. I've come to accept it as part of the job. I may have to work a lot harder, but I still get my interviews, presumably because a fighter is still more loyal to his own ego than he is to a boycott that serves neither his nor the writer's best interests.

As the pay-per-view era dawns, football scribes speak of the remote possibility of the Super Bowl landing on pay-per-view the way the Joint Chiefs Of Staff refer to the aftermath of an all-out nuclear conflict: They consider it a prospect too ghastly to comprehend. But boxing is used to having its Super Bowl on pay-per-view. This year's version, Buster Douglas vs. Evander Holyfield, cost $34.95. If it doesn't seem like the end of the world, maybe that's because fight fans know Douglas-Tyson II or Holyfield-Foreman is probably going to cost *$49.95*.

Boxing fans are fortunate that the game's best fighter, Julio Cesar Chavez, is also one of its most active. (Since winning the WBC super lightweight crown in May 1989, he's fought five non-title bouts in addition to three defenses.) But too often, the caliber of Chavez' non-title foes is simply dreadful. In Culiacan, Mexico, in August, "J.C. Superstar" stopped Russell Mosley in the third round. Entering the fight, Chavez' record was 70-0 with 60 kayos. Mosley's was 4-4-1 with no kayos.

While the establishment of a federal boxing commission in the U.S. remains an excellent idea, it took the Chavez-Mosley fight to vividly illustrate for me why the feds still won't be a miracle cure for all of the fight game's maladies. Countries like Mexico would still be able to stage mismatches that tempt fate and threaten to end, at worst, tragically, or, at best, ignominiously.

So many things are haywire in boxing, but some of us grew immune to them because they'd been a part of the landscape for so long. It's like the billboard blocking the trees on the interstate; after you've been riding past it every day, you stop realizing that it's even there.

Well, I'm ignorant no more. Boxing has done it to me—it's made me a sports realist. Still, that doesn't mean I have to like it. And I'm still going to get sick if I hear one more person say, "Boxing wouldn't be boxing if it wasn't so chaotic." Is that really true?

Everyone else can sit around trying to figure that out.

Me, I'm going to Disney World. ■

NEW FACES

REGILIO TUUR

Junior Lightweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1989

July 27	Dennis Pentoja, New York	KO 1
Aug. 10	Manuel Gomez, New York	W 4
Aug. 24	Augustin Silva, New York	KO 3
Oct. 30	Pete Conan, The Hague, Holland	KO 2
Nov. 13	Jose Luis Soto, The Hague	KO 3
Nov. 30	Willy McNeal, Atlantic City	KO 1
Dec. 23	Karl Taylor, Rotterdam	KO 1

1990

Jan. 12	Juan Muriel, Hempstead, New York	W 6
Jan. 29	Fernando Rodriguez, Atlantic City	L 6
Feb. 12	Yoma Jacobin, White Plains	D 6
Feb. 19	Dean Lynch, Arnhem, Holland	W 6
Feb. 21	Colin Lynch, Rotterdam	KO 3
March 31	John Alvarado, Atlantic City	KO 5
May 7	Patrick Kamy, Rotterdam	KO 4
May 25	Victor Navarro, Atlantic City	KO 1
June 19	Andy DeAbreu, Naples	KO 4
July 22	Albert Rendon, Atlantic City	W 6
Aug. 23	Jeff Roberts, Callicoon, New York	KO 2

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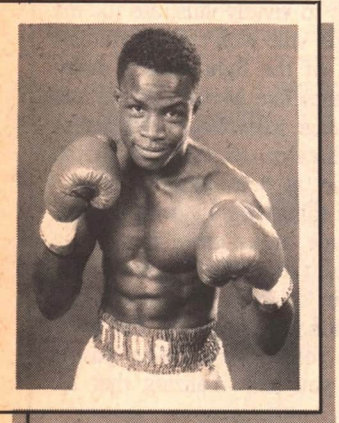


By Joseph C. Tintle

Regilio Tuur didn't win an Olympic gold medal, nor has he won a professional world title. Nevertheless, he can't walk through the streets of his native Rotterdam without an onslaught of fans seeking autographs, handshakes, or pecks on the cheek.

Tuur (pronounced TOUR) captured the fancy of his fellow Dutchmen—and the attention of American TV viewers—when he knocked out Chicago's highly touted Kelcie Banks in the preliminary round of the featherweight competition at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

"I had a reputation as a knockout artist before that," Tuur, 23, said, "but everything really started taking off from that moment on."

Three days before the start of the Olympic boxing, Banks, the 1986 world champion, had proclaimed, "The only way I'll lose is if I get knocked out cold."

That statement proved prophetic when Tuur nailed him with a thunderous right hook that sent the lanky American down at 1:50 of the first round.

"The moment I hit him I knew he was out cold in the air," Tuur recalled. "And because he was very tall, he had a long way to fall before he hit the canvas."

At that point, Tuur placed his hand over his heart, afraid that he might have fatally injured Banks.

"A few minutes later I saw his eyes move," Tuur said, "and I was relieved. I went to help him, but he wanted no part of me."

Tuur advanced no further than the Olympic quarterfinals, but his win over Banks made him an instant hero in Holland, a land known more for world-class speed skaters than fighters.

Although he could have stayed in Holland and enjoyed his celebrity, Tuur was determined to become a junior lightweight champion.

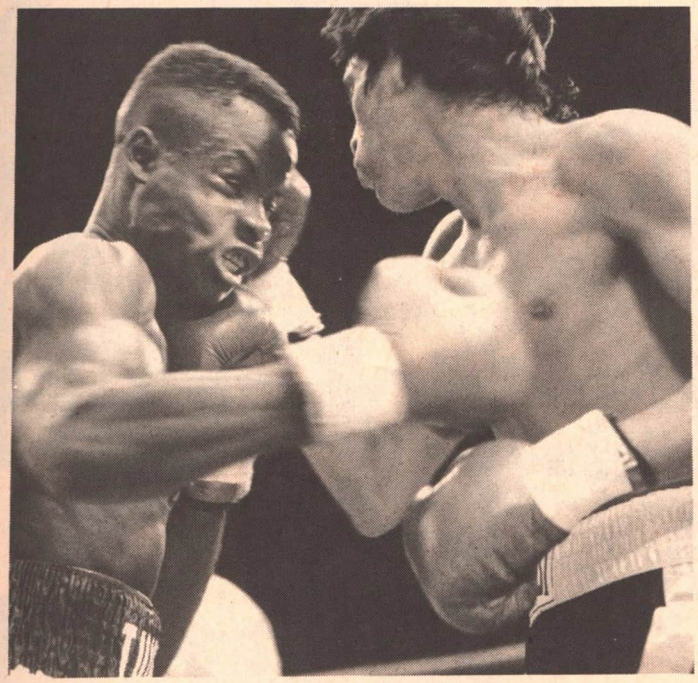
"My father always told me to hang my mouth where the soup is," said Tuur, who now lives in Whitestone, New York. "So I came to America, where I could get the best training, spar with the top fighters, and get away from all the distractions back home. No matter how dedicated I might've been in Holland, I wouldn't have been able to fully concentrate on my boxing. There are just too many distractions."

Phil Borgia, who trains Tuur at Gleason's Gym in

Brooklyn, concurred.

"He can't walk anywhere over there without being mobbed," Borgia said. "The girls go crazy over him. To them, he's like Mel Gibson."

While no one can say for sure whether a young prospect will become a world champion, Tuur's decision to put aside his fame and concentrate on his career has certainly impressed his stablemate, featherweight prospect Kevin Kelley.



Tuur accepts a right thrown by Manuel Gomez. The prospect seems tough enough. Nevertheless, his European stand-up style has been modified so that he gets hit less.

"A lot of fighters say what they're going to do," Kelley said, "but they don't really mean what they say. Every up-and-coming fighter will tell you that he's going to be the next world champion. But Reggie means it when he says it. He's extremely ambitious. Nothing will get in his way. Not even a setback or two."

There are already smudges on Tuur's blotter: a six-round split decision defeat to Fernando Rodriguez in January, and a draw with Yoma Jacobin in February.

"I have absolutely no excuses," Tuur said. "I was angry at the time because I felt I'd done enough to win, but a day or two later I was back in the gym. You've got to be able to put such fights behind you. Yes, learn from them, but don't dwell on them."

Tuur has apparently learned, having won his last eight bouts, six by knockout.

Though a powerpuncher, Tuur rarely throws just one shot. He's a combination puncher whose strength comes from his well-chiseled upper body.

"I've had confidence in Reggie right from the start," Borgia said. "But first I had to get rid of his stand-up European style of fighting. Because of it, he got hit often early in his career. But nowadays, he bends his knees, shifts his hips, and moves his head. He's not getting hit as much."

Born in Suriname, South America, a Dutch colony near French Guyana, Tuur and his family moved to Holland when he was four.

"My father, who designs ship interiors, got a good job offer," Tuur said. "He and my mother also knew Holland had a better educational system for their 10 kids. So off we went."

It was in Holland that Tuur began taking an interest in boxing. He chose to follow the career of his father Harold, who fought as a welterweight in the '70s.

"Boxing fascinated me," Tuur said. "I papered my bedroom walls with photos of George Foreman and Muhammad Ali, and I read all the boxing magazines. Eventually I wanted to learn to fight, but my father wouldn't let me unless I did well in school. So I studied hard, and was fighting in the amateurs at the age of 14."

He captured the Dutch national championship from 1986 through 1988 and then made his country's Olympic team. He compiled an overall amateur record of 92-6 (45).

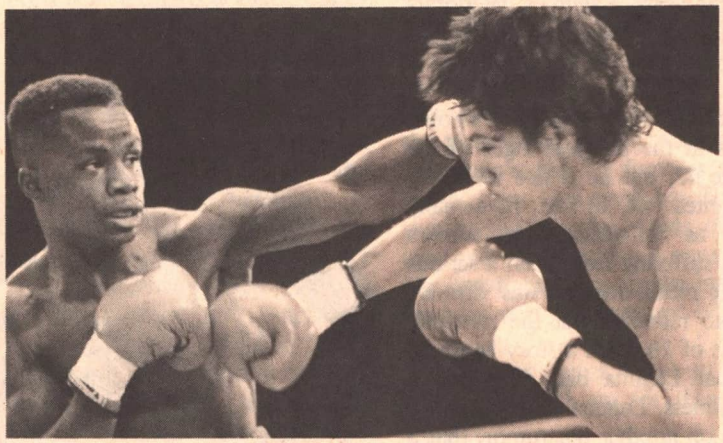
After the Olympics, Tuur signed with manager Bill Bikoff of the New York Boxing Club. Bikoff was impressed by the young fighter's approach.

"Very professional, very organized," Bikoff recalled. "He was and *is* aware of everything that's going on around him. And not just in the ring. He's got a mind for business, too."

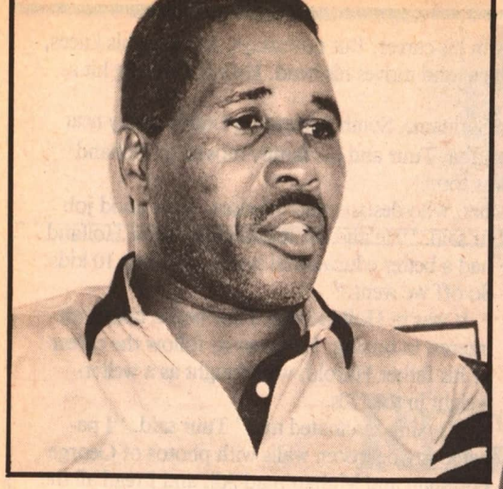
Tuur said that if his boxing career were to end tomorrow, he'd like to explore public relations.

"Public relations was part of my college business curriculum in Holland," he said. "I enjoy the idea of conceiving an idea and selling it to people. I know my boxing career won't last forever, and I'm planning for that eventuality."

For now, though, Tuur remains focused on fighting. And should he become a world champion, he'll be signing autographs, shaking hands, and kissing fans on both sides of the ocean. ■



Tuur scores against Manuel Gomez in his second pro bout, a four-round victory. The Dutch 130-pounder first took the international stage at the 1988 Olympics.



"The Colon Tiger" points to his birthplace (below). Laguna today (left) and as a 19-year-old bantamweight in 1962 (bottom).

LEGENDARY LIGHTWEIGHT

ISMAEL LAGUNA

Forever Panama's Champion

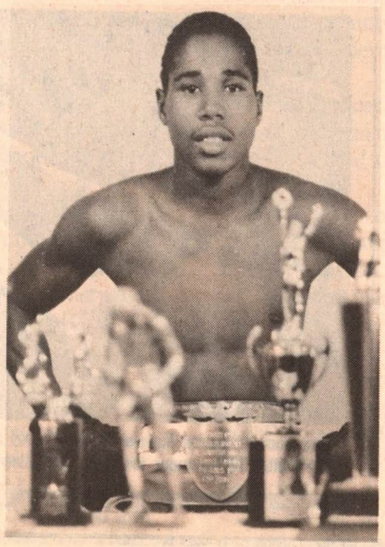
In a 1965 photo, from left: trainer Freddie Jones, cornerman Max Moreno, Laguna, manager Cain Young, and WBA official Edgardo Lopez.

By James Dusgate

Panama City is a drab, introverted place these days. The tropical sun still rises to its zenith in the heavens every midday, and the lush vegetation still sways in the warm breezes blowing off the Pacific, acting as an exhilarating local aphrodisiac. But gone is the buzz and the happy-go-lucky atmosphere that was the capital's hallmark for years. The city has lost its smile.

Panama's steady deterioration over the past two years—the country is faced with the biggest political and economic crisis in its history—has been paralleled by the physical decline of one of its greatest fighters. Former world lightweight champion Ismael Laguna, who, for many local cognoscenti in this fight-crazed capital, is the greatest-ever, Roberto Duran notwithstanding, is rumored to be suffering from sickle-cell anemia, a hereditary form of leukemia. Unlike many fight legends through the years, Laguna's deteriorating physical condition has nothing to do with the punches he took in the ring.

The "Colon Tiger," as he is known locally, is in the toughest fight of his life at age 47, but he is not yet ready to be counted out. In fact, he actually dismisses as unfounded the rumors that he is suffering from such a serious illness. He recalls that he was virtually forced into retirement at the relatively young age of 28 when a story began to spread that Laguna had developed a terminal illness. Laguna also refused to be drawn on another hot rumor, that a couple of years ago he inherited a large fortune from former manager Cain Young. In Noriega's Panama and its aftermath, discretion on such matters is



not only advisable, but essential. Your life could depend on it.

There are other problems: Earlier this year, Laguna was arrested for armed robbery after a merchant accused him of holding him up at gunpoint. Laguna was charged—he was found to have a revolver and $700 in his possession—and kept in custody for seven days before being released to await trial, which could take years. One newspaper wrote that the situation "does not seem as serious as was at first feared."

Despite his problems, the wizard who dazzled us with his magic 25 years ago recently welcomed a visit at his home in the Betania district, about five miles from downtown Panama City. Cruising along palm-tree-lined avenues where smart, modern, air-conditioned homes abound, the taxi driver found Laguna's house easily enough. Laguna is, after all, as close as a man can get to being a living monument.

The visitor is received by Laguna's charming second wife Monica, a qualified accountant who is some 10 years younger than the champ. She ushers the visitor onto the terrace, where the Tiger sits in his rocking chair, moving gently back and forth. He insists on rising, though the physical suffering shows in his eyes, and the deterioration he has experienced is quite plain. He moves with difficulty, walking on the balls of his feet, his balance shaky.

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Like Al Brown and the majority of Panama's world-class boxers, Laguna was born near the largely black Caribbean town of Colon, in a fishing village called Santa Isabel. Colon's main claim to fame and prosperity over the years has been the International Free Zone, visited by wholesalers from all over the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Merchandise is pumped into the area every day via the Panama Canal from the Asian Tiger and its cubs—Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore. But the wealth thus created never seems to seep down to the general population, who have to make do with the crumbs that fall from the table: peddling booze, drugs, and prostitutes to the thousands of sailors passing through. Boxing is another possibility. After all, boxers and prostitutes do have something in common: Both allow their bodies to be destroyed for the pleasure of perfect strangers.

Laguna's rise to fame is a classic boxing tale. As a small boy he took to shining shoes in the streets of his village and then became a news vendor. His first fights were against bullies who tried to steal the earnings of younger boys.

"I always felt a sense of injustice and would stick up for the victims," he said.

"When I was 12 or 13," recalled Laguna, who has nine brothers and sisters, "I remember going swimming at the beach one Saturday after I fin-

ished selling my newspapers. The beach was a favorite spot with us boys. That day I saw a noisy crowd gathered on the sand and went over to see what all the fuss was about. In the center of the crowd stood Carlos Watson, who that week had become a national boxing champion. He was inviting members of the crowd to put on gloves and spar with him, insisting that he wouldn't hurt them. Nobody would accept his offer except me.

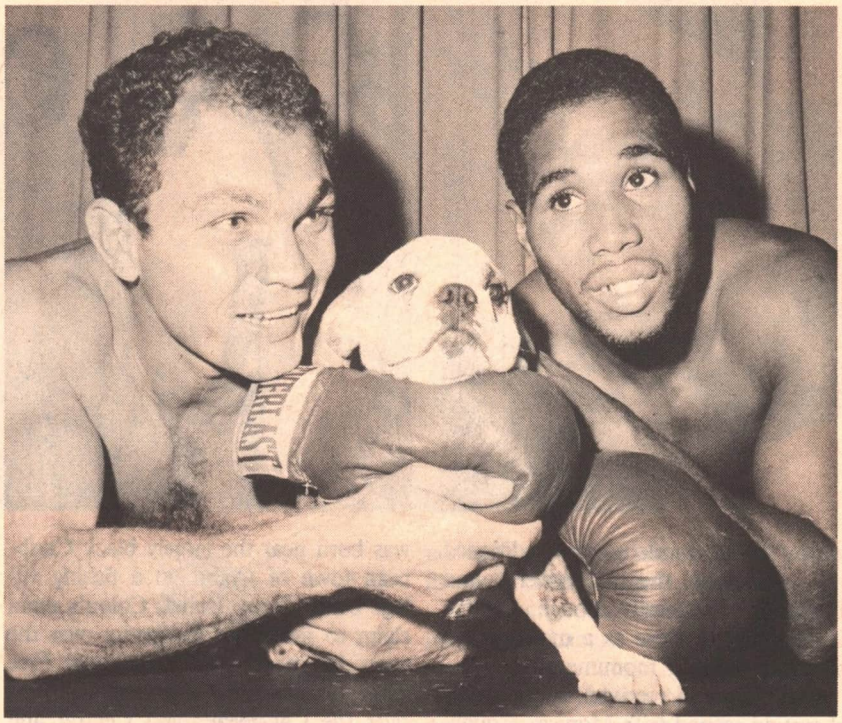
"I guess I was a natural scrapper, and I didn't do too badly. In fact, he got mad because I had him missing, and the crowd started cheering me on. He had a cut from his last fight that had not had time to heal, and I landed a good punch that reopened it. Blood started to flow, so we had to stop. Carlos asked me if I was interested in a career in boxing, but I said I just wanted to be able to defend myself. Then his trainer, Chino Amon, asked me if I'd like to learn to box. He asked me to introduce him to my parents to get their permission.

"Unfortunately, my parents didn't like the idea of me getting involved in such a tough environment at such a young age, especially my mother. She told Chino, 'If you want a fighter, why don't you use your own kids!' So I had to wait quite a while before I was allowed to work out at the gym on a regular basis. My father eventually convinced my mother that it would keep me off the streets, where I was always having plenty of scraps anyway."

At 5'9", Laguna looked a great prospect when he made his professional debut at featherweight in January 1961 at age 18, kayoing Al Morgan in two rounds. In the bouts that followed, he consolidated his reputation. Unbeaten in 20 fights, he took the national featherweight title with a seventh-round TKO over Pedro Ortiz in the Panamanian capital. With that tucked under his belt, he didn't have to wait long to find himself stepping onto the world stage.

Someone once said, "No man can think clearly with his fists clenched." Laguna disproved that piece of blarney; he was a master of the finest boxing arts, a skilled craftsman, the delight of any real fan. He also had that something extra—class.

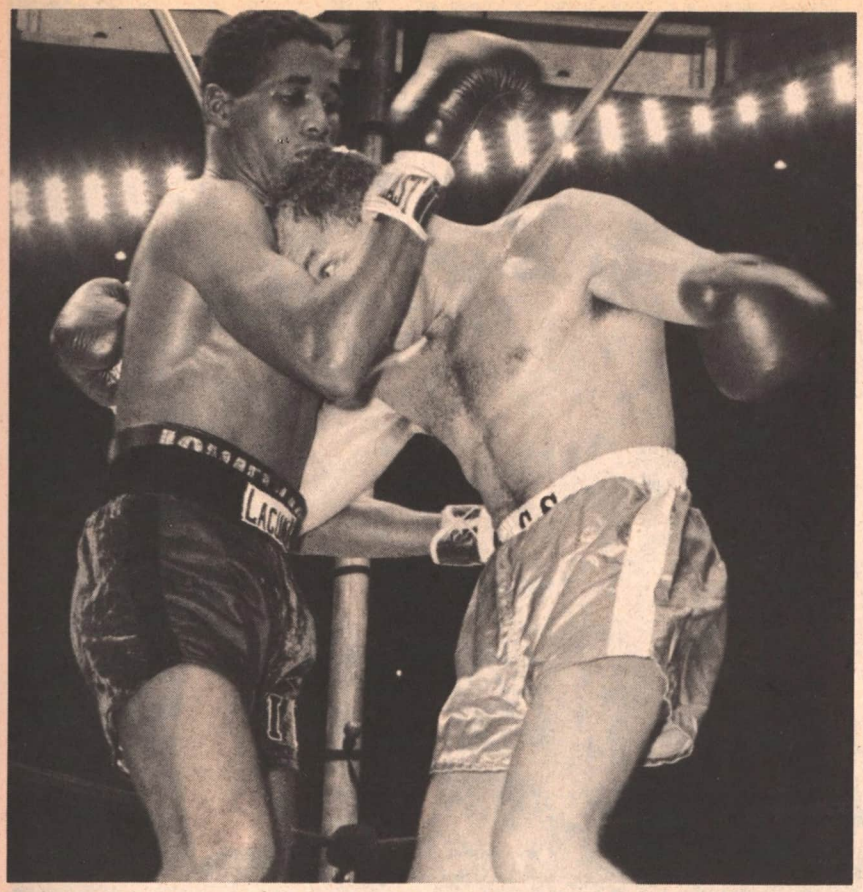
On June 8, 1963, Laguna savored the bitter taste of defeat for the first time, losing to Antonio "Mochila" Herrera on points over 10 tough rounds. In the rematch in Panama, he



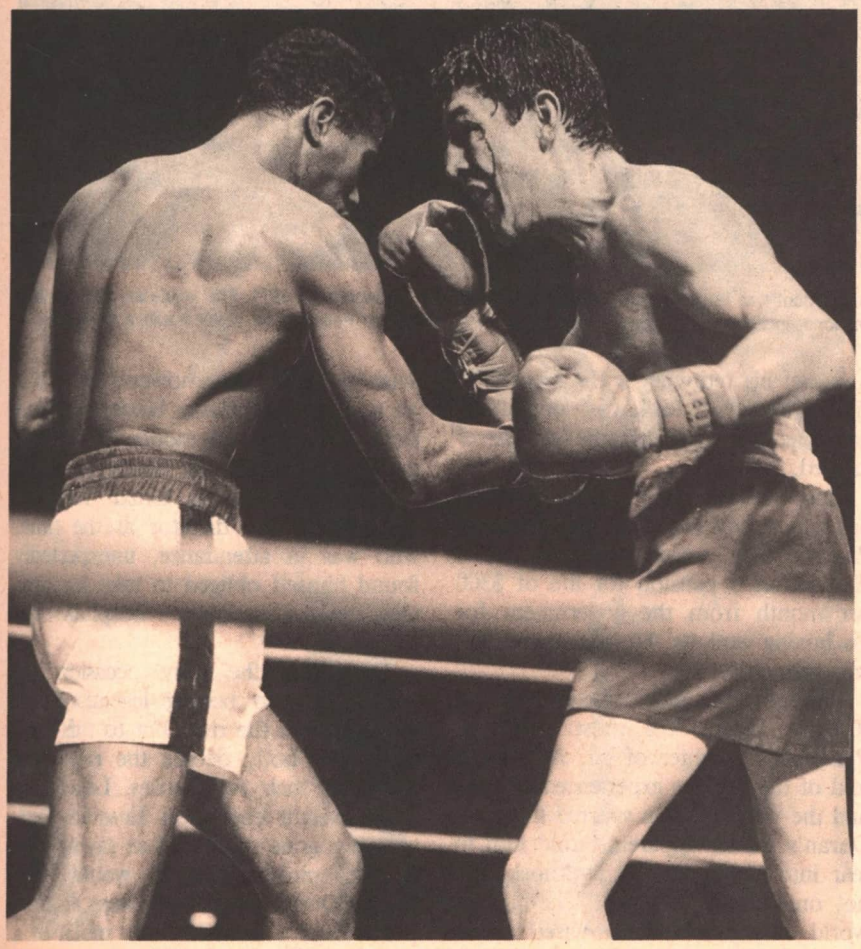
In perhaps his greatest victory, Laguna trades hooks with Carlos Ortiz (above). Laguna outpointed the reigning titlist in April 1965. The rivals pose with a friend before their August 1967 rubber match (below).

paid the Colombian back in kind, whipping him in seven. In 1964, he had eight fights, winning seven and losing one, to former featherweight champion Vicente Saldivar over 10 rounds. Laguna had become a crowd-puller. His career was taking off, and his fanatical countrymen considered him to be a national asset. People who were supposed to know began comparing him with the legendary Cuban, Kid Chocolate.

If not meteoric, Laguna's rise was relentless and inevitable; by age 22, he had earned a shot at the lightweight title. Reigning champion Carlos Ortiz arrived in Panama in the company of Henry Armstrong and Jersey Joe Walcott. After observing Laguna in training, the former champions warned Ortiz just how good his opponent was. Soon afterward, Ortiz developed "stomach problems," and the fight was postponed to enable Ortiz to get into top shape. He eventually returned, and the fight took place on April 10,



Ortiz outworked Laguna to retain the 135-pound crown for the final time at Shea Stadium (above). Laguna regained the title by stopping Mando Ramos via ninth-round TKO in March 1970 (below).



1965. In what was to become one of the most dazzling chapters in the annals of Panamanian boxing, Laguna maneuvered his way impeccably through 15 rounds to outbox the Puerto Rican. The crowd at the Panama City Coliseum stormed into the ring after the verdict, going wild as they celebrated the Tiger's triumph.

Laguna's reign proved to be short-lived. In San Juan seven months after taking the crown, he lost to Ortiz, in much better condition than he had been in Panama, via decision. For many good champions, that would have been the end of the story and the glory, but Laguna set out to regain the 135-pound crown with a gritty and ferocious determination.

Four wins in 1966 earned him another shot at the title, and on August 16, 1967, he faced Ortiz in a 15-round rubber match at New York's Shea Stadium. Some 2,000 Panamanians made the trip to shout on their hero. For the champion, whose drinking escapades were his Achilles heel, it was a night, at 31 years of age, to redeem himself. Ortiz summoned his skills and gave one of his best displays. He dominated and won a clear points victory.

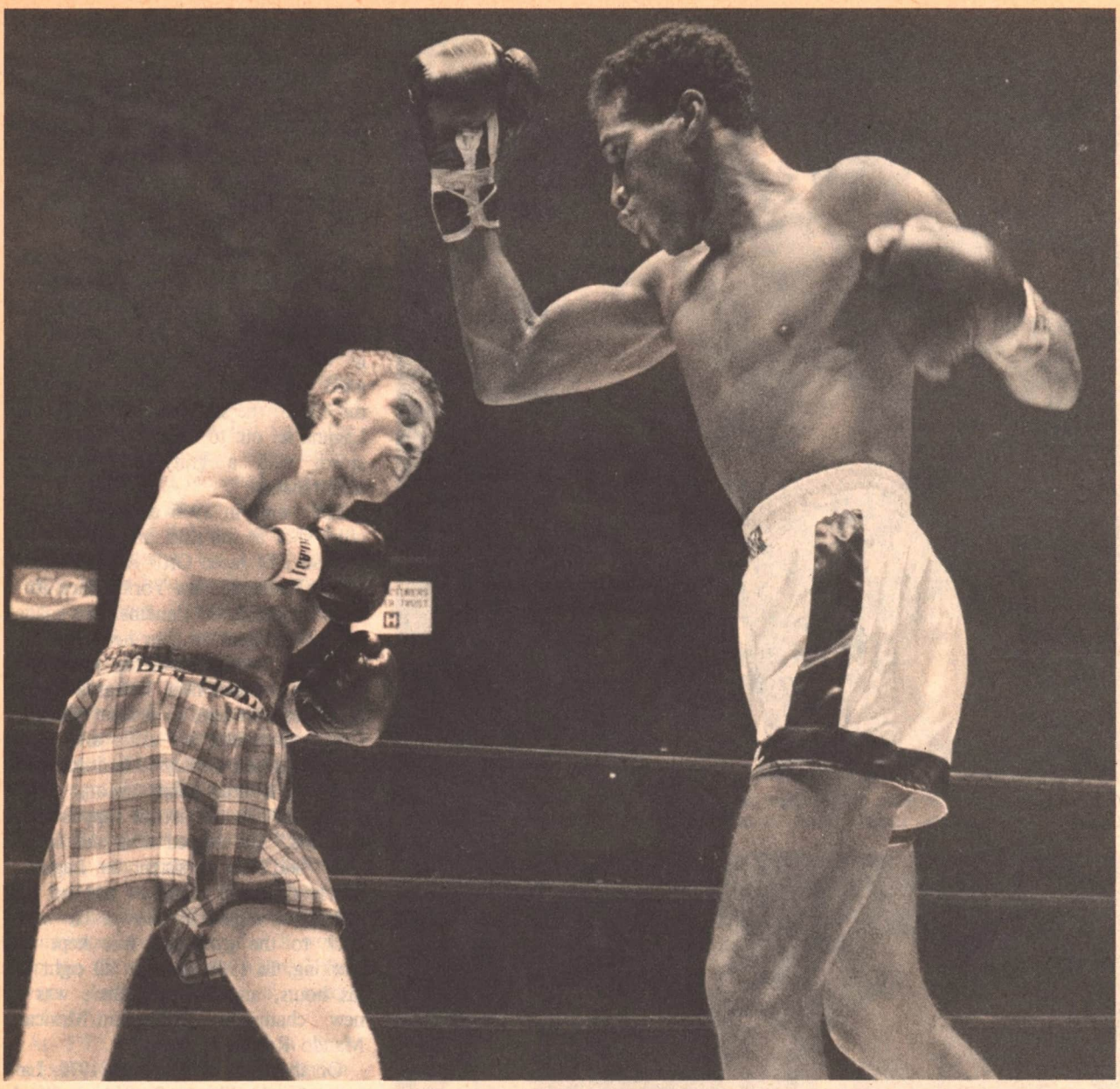
"A kid like this is not supposed to beat me," he chirped after the fight.

A "kid" as persistent as Laguna, however, wasn't ready to give up his attempt to regain the crown. He went back to the gym and just kept on working. In 1968, he won all eight of his bouts, and in 1969, there was a new champion—Californian/Mexican Mando Ramos.

On the night of March 3, 1970, Laguna fought like a ferocious animal seizing on its prey. He thrashed Ramos in nine rounds, forcing Jackie McCoy, Ramos' cornerman, to surrender. It was another emotion-packed night for the Panamanians. Laguna had made history. Al "Panama" Brown was his nation's—and Latin America's—first world champion, but Laguna was the first Panamanian-born champion to have *regained* a world crown.

In June 1970, when he kayoed Ishimatsu Suzuki in his first defense, it looked as though Laguna's second reign would last a long time. Few imagined that it would be his last great night as a champion. Only three months later, on September 26, he lost to Ken Buchanan via split decision after 15 grueling rounds.

"If they had given it to Laguna," Buchanan said afterward, "I wouldn't have been too surprised or too upset."



Laguna's final fight was his second title-fight points loss to Scot Ken Buchanan, at Madison Square Garden in September 1971. The legendary Panamanian retired with a record of 64-9-1 (36). Unlike most champions, including countrymen Roberto Duran and Eusebio Pedroza, he never made a comeback.

Laguna was a mature fighter and only 27; he was still hungry and not ready to even consider retirement. In 1971 he won two tight decisions and lost one. It was enough to earn a rematch with the Scottish world champion. What was billed as a classic confrontation between two exceptionally skilled boxers turned out to be a brawl.

Laguna went out to punch the Scot into submission, and in the early rounds the tactic looked to be working. Then, due to the swelling under Buchanan's left eye and a reduction in vision, the Scot was forced to change his tactics. The ultimate result was another disappointing points defeat for the Panamanian.

On April 15, 1972, Laguna announced his retirement. His record: 74 fights, 64 wins, 36 kayos, one draw, and nine points defeats; he was never kayoed.

Since retiring from boxing, Laguna has run a bowling alley in downtown Panama City, which bears his name. He receives a pension for life of $300 per month from the government for his boxing exploits. He also owns several properties.

Inevitably, Laguna is compared to Roberto Duran, the most renowned Panamanian fighter of all. A story is told of the day the experienced Laguna and the young Duran sparred together. Duran's trainer apparently told him to tear into his opponent, to knock him not only down, but out. The former world champion quickly wised up to what was going on, however, and put on a display of classy boxing, cutting Duran's nostril and mouth. With Duran bleeding profusely, the corners had to intervene. General Omar Torrijos, the Panamanian dictator at the time, who was in attendance, unexpectedly found himself obliged to take his protege to a military hospital for treatment.

That was the only occasion on which the two boxing legends faced each other in the ring, but to this day, local fans hotly debate the respective merits of their two heroes. Legendary featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza has gone on record as saying that in his opinion, Laguna would have beaten Duran when both were at their peak. Laguna himself is too much of a

Laguna's most underrated asset was his chin, as he proved during his July 1969 victory over Genaro Soto (above). The former champion with his wife Monica and one of his three sons (below).

gentleman to allow himself to be drawn into such an argument. He has only good things to say about Duran on both the professional and personal fronts. For him, the most important thing is that Panama has another great champion to remember.

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Laguna shuffles into the bathroom like a man only half-awake. Though he denies he has sickle-cell anemia, the disease is unusually prevalent in Santa Isabel, Laguna's hometown. Outsiders reckon that even in the first fight with Buchanan, he was already being affected by the disease.

Gazing out over his terrace, gently rocking back and forth, this is how a great fighter should end his days, in peace and quiet and surrounded by his family. Unfortunately, for Laguna, having retired from boxing at a reasonably young age, that scene has come about too soon—and evidently not for the right reasons. Napolean said that glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever. No matter, in Panama, the name of Laguna will glow in the dark forever. ■

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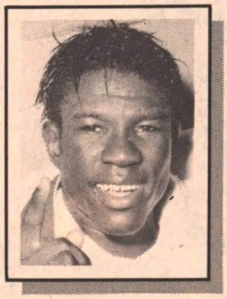
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

WELTERWEIGHTS

Emile Griffith

Virgin Islands
1959-1978
85-24-2 with 23 kayos



Griffith, a five-time champion, was a brilliant boxer-puncher and one of the most popular fighters of his era. He first won the welterweight title from Benny Paret via 13th-round stoppage in 1961. He subsequently lost the title twice, but regained it both times. Following three successful defenses, he moved up and won the middleweight title with a 15-round decision over Dick Tiger in 1966. He then lost it, regained it, and lost it again to Nino Benvenuti in March 1968.

Griffith continued as a marquee fighter, but failed in bids to regain the 147-pound title from Jose Napoles in 1969, and the middleweight crown from Carlos Monzon in 1971. After dropping a 10-round decision to future middleweight king Alan Minter in 1977, Griffith retired—for good—at age 39.

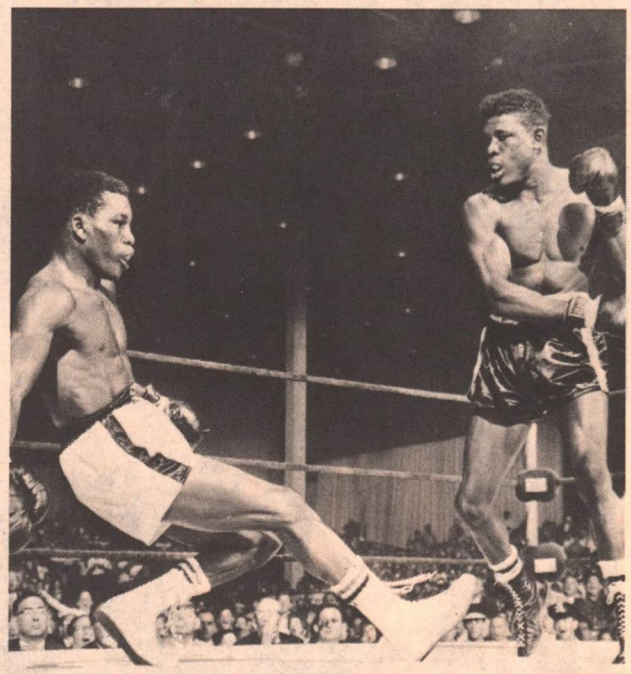
Pipino Cuevas

Mexico
1972-1989
35-13 with 23 kayos

Cuevas, among the most loved Mexican fighters in history, turned pro four days after his 14th birthday. He became boxing's youngest welterweight champion when he stopped WBA king Angel Espada in two rounds at age 18. A stand-up slugger, he lived by the adage that the best defense is a good offense. His opponents never had to worry about being outboxed.

Cuevas' left hook was arguably the hardest ever thrown by a welterweight. During his four-year reign as WBA king, he made 10 successful defenses, nine inside the distance. He lost the title via second-round kayo to Thomas Hearns in August 1980, in one of the most brutal kayos of all time. Following a fourth-round kayo loss to Roberto Duran in 1983, the Mexican's days as a contender were over at age 25. He never again fought for a world title.

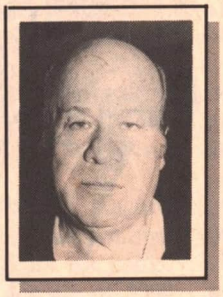
Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us



In the first of their three fights, Griffith dethrones Benny Paret via 13th-round kayo. Griffith was strong, but, with 23 kayos in 85 wins, not a big hitter.

BENNY GEORGINO

Griffith and Cuevas were very tough and determined champions with contrasting styles. It would be a terrific fight for California. There would be no mystery as to either fighter's game plan. Pipino would come out very aggressively and try to land the big punch. Griffith was very smart. He'd have no trouble counterpunching Cuevas.

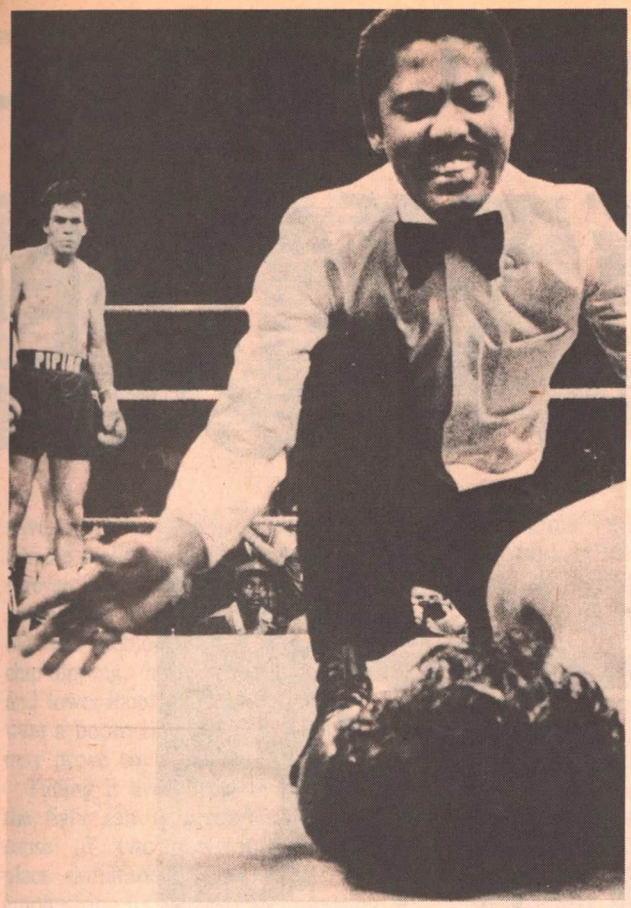


I'm sure Cuevas would hit Griffith, but it would be hard for him to follow up. Griffith was such a great boxer, and he had a great chin. So it would be hard for Cuevas to hit him with two consecutive good punches.

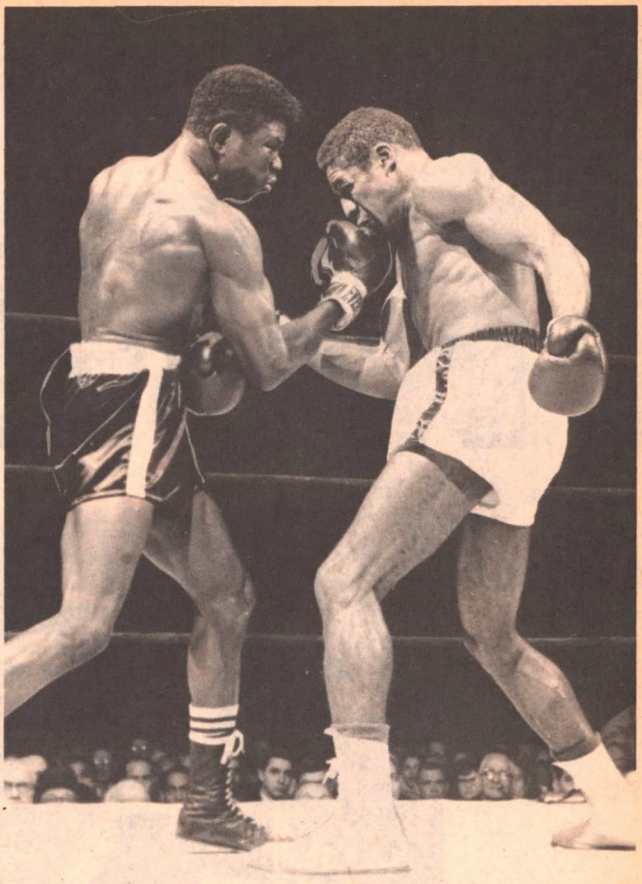
Griffith would totally outclass Cuevas. Pipino was not a great defensive fighter. He kept his hands low, and his head was always open.

Griffith's great boxing ability, combined with his equally great chin, would be the difference. Once Cuevas realized he couldn't knock Griffith out, he'd become frustrated, which would make it easier for Griffith to pick him apart. And once that started, there's no way he'd be able to cope. I see Griffith winning by TKO, stopping Cuevas in the 10th.

Benny Georgino is a veteran West Coast manager and trainer who has guided several world champions.



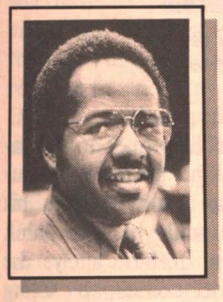
Carlos Berrocal counts out Harold Volbrecht, Cuevas' 11th title-defense victim. The South African rumbled with Cuevas and crashed in round five.



Griffith scores against Cuba's Luis Rodriguez. They fought four times, and a total of 55 rounds, with Griffith winning three of their four bouts.

HAROLD WESTON JR.

Griffith-Cuevas? It would be fun to watch. Emile was a master boxer who had excellent stamina and physical strength, and he was always in incredible shape. He was a great tactician. That's how he was able to beat good young fighters when he was older. Cuevas had tremendous power. He basically used one strategy: He just came at you and tried to land the big one.



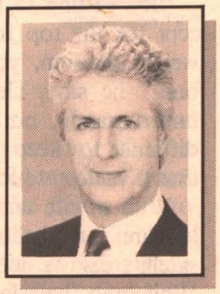
From the start, I see Griffith outboxing Cuevas. Emile was a master at fighting on the inside. He would concentrate on the body and counterpunch for the first seven or eight rounds. From the eighth round on, he would pick up the pace, attacking the head as well as the body.

Cuevas, who had trouble with boxers, would really have trouble hitting a master like Griffith. And even when he did, he'd be hitting one of the best chins ever. Cuevas wouldn't be able to cope with Griffith's superior boxing ability. He'd get more frustrated as the fight went on, and that would make it easier for Griffith. It would be a good fight, but it would be one-sided. I see Griffith steadily wearing Cuevas down and stopping him in the 10th or 11th.

Harold Weston Jr., a 147-pound contender during the '70s, was stopped by Cuevas in 1978. He's now the Director of Programming for Butch Lewis Productions.

ALEX WALLAU

This is a classic boxer vs. puncher matchup. Emile Griffith was a consummate ring mechanic, with a fine jab. He was a very effective infighter, with skills that were so subtle that even the judges couldn't see them. Cuevas had tremendous power and left a collection of broken jaws and fractured eye sockets in his wake. Unfortunately, it was against over-the-hill contenders and green kids; he never developed beyond that one dimension.



In the early rounds, Griffith would build a big lead, using straight punches up the middle to counter Cuevas' wide-arcing bombs. Every time Cuevas would pull back his left shoulder to unload his hook, Emile would make him look slow and clumsy by beating him to the punch.

You can make a case for Pipino's puncher's chance, especially against someone who likes to come forward and fight on the inside as much as Emile, but I can't see it. The fight would be so easy for Emile that he would get lazy in the late rounds. If he responded to the tongue-lashing he would get from his trainer, Gil Clancy, he would stop Pipino late. If not, he would win a wide decision.

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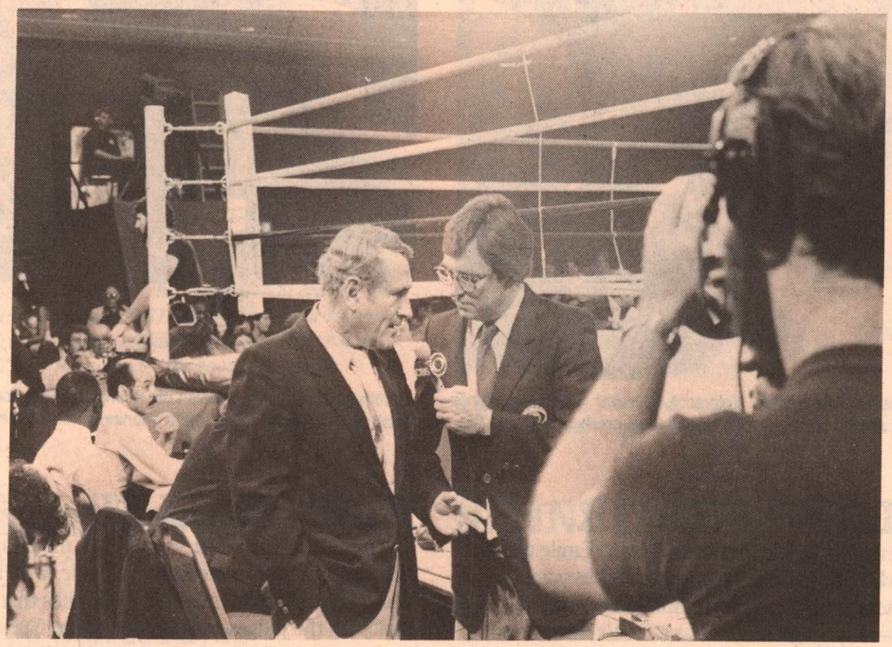
Boxing On TV

NOW YOU'LL PAY!



The trend of the '90s: network boxing announcers like CBS' Gil Clancy and Tim Ryan will be replaced by pay-per-view broadcasters. Will the sport suffer if fans have to pay to see fights they're used to watching for free?

(Continued from front cover)

wired for cable. They can't order HBO, don't know what the letters ESPN stand for, and think Showtime is when Magic Johnson leads the Lakers on a fastbreak. If the cableless didn't know better, they'd swear stars like Mike Tyson, Julio Cesar Chavez, Meldrick Taylor, and Pernell Whitaker have been kidnapped and locked away in a dungeon, never to be seen again.

Worse yet, some of those fans have little hope of ever seeing the situation improve. Rick Whitcomb, a high school marching band instructor, lives in the tiny town of East Otto, New York, 50 miles south of Buffalo. It is an area so remote that he's been told his house has a better chance of getting struck by lightning than ever being visited by a cable technician with an installation order tucked in his pocket.

"It's getting to the point where, except for the top fighters in the heavyweight division, you don't know anyone," he says, clearly wired, though, unfortunately, not for cable. "It's so difficult to keep up with everything that I've lost touch."

With a wife and 18-month-old baby to care for, shelling out $1,500 for a satellite dish is not even an option. As Whitcomb has long-since discovered, being a slave to the commercial networks can be an exasperating experience. Sometimes, the local affiliate in Buffalo chooses not to pick up the network feed, replacing a scheduled boxing telecast with whatever it senses the masses would prefer.

"You're at their whim," Whitcomb says disgustedly. "I want to see a fight and they decide to put on *Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous* !"

Whitcomb feels like one of his favorite sports is taking place in a vacuum somewhere far removed from his living room. But while he may think that he ain't seen nuthin' lately, the truth is, when it comes to seeing nuthin', he ain't seen nuthin' *yet*.

Boxing is about to risk losing fans like Whitcomb, and even many of those who live in the 55.9 million homes that *do* have cable-TV. A series of changes in the television power structure of the sport are at hand. They are changes that will dramatically impact virtually every facet of the game, and, as is so often the case in today's ever-changing sports landscape, leave Joe Fan doubled over from a sucker punch.

Some of the changes will be felt immediately. Others will manifest themselves in a few years. But the unmistakable reality is that a sport that has forever tried to increase its appeal among the mainstream now risks losing its lifeblood: the beer-drinking, chip-dipping, hassock-kicking, middle- and lower-income diehards. If the '70s were a boom time for boxing, the '90s may prove to be its bust.

Timing is everything in boxing, and the fight fan is getting walloped because of two developments taking place simultaneously: 1) NBC is de-emphasizing its boxing programming in light of increasing difficulty in generating ad revenue for fight telecasts, and, for similar reasons, ABC and CBS express gloom about the future of boxing on free TV, and 2) the pay-per-view industry is about to expand into one or more regularly scheduled boxing series. The latter means that you the viewer will have to pay not just for major events like Douglas-Holyfield, but also for matchups like Vinny Pazienza-Loreto Garza and Ray Mercer-Francesco Damiani, the kind of product you used to get for free on ABC, NBC, or CBS.

Let's look at the advertising crunch first. NBC, which aired 13 shows in 1990, will do no more than four and as few as *no* boxing telecasts in 1991. ABC intends to do 14-16 shows next year (it did 15 in '90), in large part because it works with the biggest budget of the three commercial networks. It, too, however, has experienced a dropoff in ad revenue.

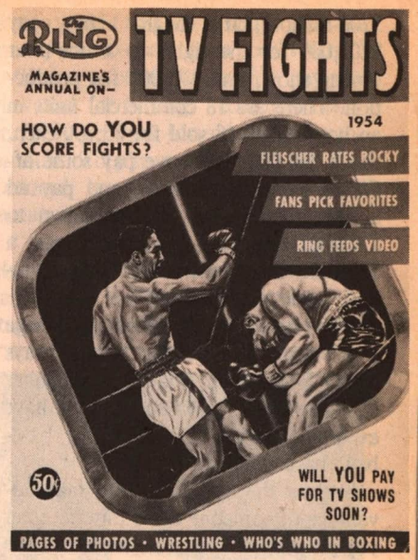
CBS showed seven fights in 1990, and will increase its total in '91, mainly because it will no longer broadcast the NBA or college football and needs to fill air time. But Rick Gentile, vice president of programming for CBS, describes the future of boxing on free TV as "cloudy," and adds, "The networks can't continue to program something that loses money."

On some telecasts this year, both ABC and NBC were forced to run house ads, commercials for videotapes put out by the network sports departments. This despite the fact that some 30-second commercials were reportedly selling for the dirt-cheap price of $5,000.

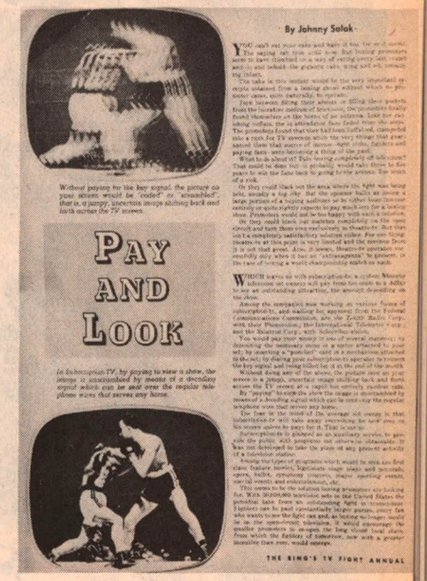
"Boxing has always been a sport that only a handful of advertisers support," says a spokesman for one of the leading beer companies. "The image of boxing has more to do with it than anything else. And the demographics show that boxing draws an older crowd. That scares some advertisers away, too. You may see a Diet Pepsi logo on the canvas once, but do you see it repeated immediately? People like that aren't supporting the sport, they're just showing up for special events."

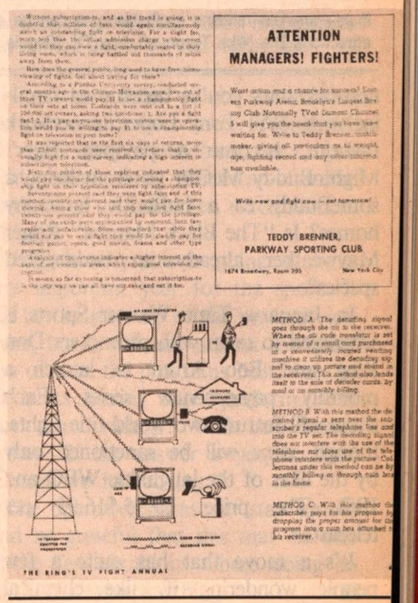
"Boxing has never been a big sell, even when the marketplace was good," says NBC's boxing consultant, Kevin Monaghan. ("Last year, my title was in capital letters," Monaghan quips. "This year, since we're doing zero-to-four fights, it's lower case.") "And when the networks were making money with football, basketball, and baseball, boxing was a way to prop up the anthology series because it always brought good ratings.

"Now, the networks are losing money on the big events, so every little event is under greater scrutiny. [NBC may lose $20-million on its 1990-91 NFL package, and the New York *Daily News* forecasts CBS' 1990 losses from Major League Baseball at about



A special 1954 issue of *The Ring* proved prophetic when it asked, "Will you pay for TV shows soon?" The corresponding article details what is called "subscription TV."





$100-million.] It's tough. I may pay $200,000 for the rights to a one-hour boxing show, and $75,000 for production. There are 18 commercial units in an hour. If all 18 sold for $5,000 each, that's $90,000. After we pay some affiliates to take the show, and pay ad agency commissions, it nets down to $72,000 that we get back on a $275,000 investment. And that situation is all too frequent."

"The networks are all going to have a problem with boxing dates," says Mike Trainer, the manager of Sugar Ray Leonard, "because they all have expensive sports properties like baseball, basketball, or football."

Sensing the opportunity to take advantage of someone else's misery, enter pay-per-view. And exit some of the network stars you've become so familiar with. Will Tony Lopez, a network favorite, become a pay-per Tiger? Might Buddy McGirt go from being a someBuddy to a noBuddy in many homes? Is "The Black Mamba" Roger Mayweather already an endangered species?

In January, Time Warner Sports is scheduled to team with promoters Don King and Bob Arum to launch a monthly pay-per-view series. Each show will feature two world title fights, though some will be sanctioned only by the likes of the laughable WBO and IBC. The price: $9.95-$16.95 per telecast.

It's a move that has quite a few people wondering if, like chemical companies polluting the rivers, promoters such as King and Arum are eyeing today's profits without respect for the long-term health of others. It's a legitimate concern. Let's examine the possible fallout from these recent changes in the TV industry. We'll start with the least dramatic and work our way up the frightmeter:

● **A change in commercial network philosophy:** Because NBC is cutting back on its fights, Monaghan will treat any available date as though it's a Rembrandt, and he's an auctioneer. Promoters looking to sell fights will be told to bring to NBC's negotiating table not just an appealing matchup, but also a block of advertisers willing to buy time on the telecast.

"The days of straight rights deals are over," Monaghan insists. "Our dates will be reserved for the promoters who are the most creative with their offers. NBC builds fighters up, to a point, then we lose them. In the future, I'll help build someone up for a pay-per-view date, but you have to cut NBC in as an equal partner."

Should Monaghan's strategy work, look for ABC and CBS to eventually adopt a similar approach.

● **A financial windfall for the lucky few:** Those fighters lucky enough to land on pay-per-view are going to think it's the greatest invention since the protective cup. It means higher purses for everyone, from the record $24-million that Buster Douglas received for his title defense against Holyfield, to the career-high paydays Mercer ($150,000) and Damiani *($750,000!)* will make in January.

Some eye-popping numbers indeed. But along with the good comes the bad, and there is a flipside to all of this . . .

● **A surge of inactivity:** Remember 1984? Or don't you want to? That's the year when the game's top attractions decided to go on hiatus together. Because they held out for the kind of big dollars that nobody was willing to pay, Larry Holmes, Michael Spinks, Hector Camacho, Roberto Duran, and Aaron Pryor each fought just once.

The problem could resurface in the pay-per-view era. When fighters see some of their colleagues instantly go from hard knocks to Fort Knox, they'll stop hanging around the gym and start hanging around the Amtrak station, waiting for the gravy train to pull in and pick them up, too.

"The sport isn't gonna survive if a handful of fighters are making huge pay-per-view money," says Wallau. "Fighters will stop fighting. When they get a taste of a million, they won't settle for $250,000 anymore."

● **The launching of more pay-per-view networks:** It doesn't take many viewers to make a pay-per-view fight profitable, which guarantees that the PPV promotional field will soon resemble Times Square on New Year's Eve.

There are currently 15 million homes wired for PPV nationwide. (The industry forecasts 33 million by 1994.) Closed-circuit and pay-per-view entrepreneur Lou Falcigno, the foremost authority on pay-TV, estimates that some medium-level fights will be able to turn a profit in '91 if they attract less than one-half of one percent, or 75,000 homes, at $10 each.

"And in 1994, you'll be able to generate twice the revenue with the same penetration," Falcigno says.

With odds like this, how long will it be before Dan Duva, Butch Lewis, Emanuel Steward, and a bunch of Ralph Kramdens who smell a get-rich-quick scheme get involved? And with only a handful of marquee fighters and quality matchups to go around, what kind of junk will these tube boobs end up trying to peddle?

● **The emergence of the limboweights:** Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini and Hector Camacho were two fighters who benefited greatly from exposure on CBS in the early-'80s. After becoming Saturday matinee

If pay-per-view remains profitable, you can be sure that promoters like Don King will keep featured attractions like Mike Tyson off free TV. King is already part of a scheduled pay-per-view series.

stars, their value skyrocketed. The marginally talented Mancini was soon commanding purses of $1-million minimum per fight, and Camacho was regularly headlining on HBO.

In recent years, though, ABC, NBC, and CBS have been more devoted to creating appealing matchups than developing new talent. The situation will only be compounded in the future, as network schedules get trimmed. It is a scenario that threatens to spawn a whole new division: limboweight. It will be for all those fighters stuck in the limbo of not being able to secure scarce network dates, for one reason or another, yet not being well-known enough to be featured on pay-per-view.

"You go off-Broadway to get popular enough to play Broadway," says Trainer. "If there's no off-Broadway, what the hell are you gonna do?"

"Networks rue the passage of the stars," says Mort Sharnik, who bought fights for CBS from 1978 to '87. "But they've got to invest some new dates to make *tomorrow's* stars."

● **An erosion of boxing's fan base:** Taking a sport off free TV can steal that base quicker than Rickey Henderson.

"If the general public can't have access to the biggest events in a sport, that's a problem, especially in a minor sport," says ABC's Wallau. "[Former NFL commissioner] Pete Rozelle could have put the Super Bowl on pay-TV years ago, but he was smart enough to know the public has to have access to this stuff. As big a star as Tyson was, he was never a big live draw. He didn't sell out Madison Square Garden, or even some casinos. That's because he wasn't seen often on network TV and was only well-known by a limited amount of people."

The proof is in the numbers. The networks reach 93.1 million homes. By contrast, ESPN can be seen in 57 million homes, the USA Network in 53 million, HBO in 18 million, and Showtime in nine million. In simple terms, HBO's highest rated fight of all time, Tyson-Frank Bruno, was seen by fewer viewers than such commonplace matinee offerings as ABC's Virgil Hill-Bobby Czyz or NBC's Jorge Paez-Steve Cruz.

It is the belief of many industry experts that boxing's boom in the '70s and early-'80s was directly related to the frequent appearances of Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard on free, prime-time telecasts. Can the sport's popularity survive the removal from free TV of not just the superstars, but also the medium-range attractions, as well? Why would people suddenly be willing to pay for entertainment they previously got for free or on ESPN and USA, channels included in most basic cable packages?

"Because there are half-a-dozen attractive fighters out there who don't get enough dates now," says Seth Abraham, former head of HBO Sports and now the boss of Time Warner's pay-per-view division. Abraham named Prince Charles Williams, Simon Brown, Virgil Hill, Mike McCallum, and Nigel Benn, adding, "The networks have been cutting back on fights and we don't have enough dates on HBO to accomodate them. So we will not be taking them off network TV. I feel we will give the public a chance to see more fights."

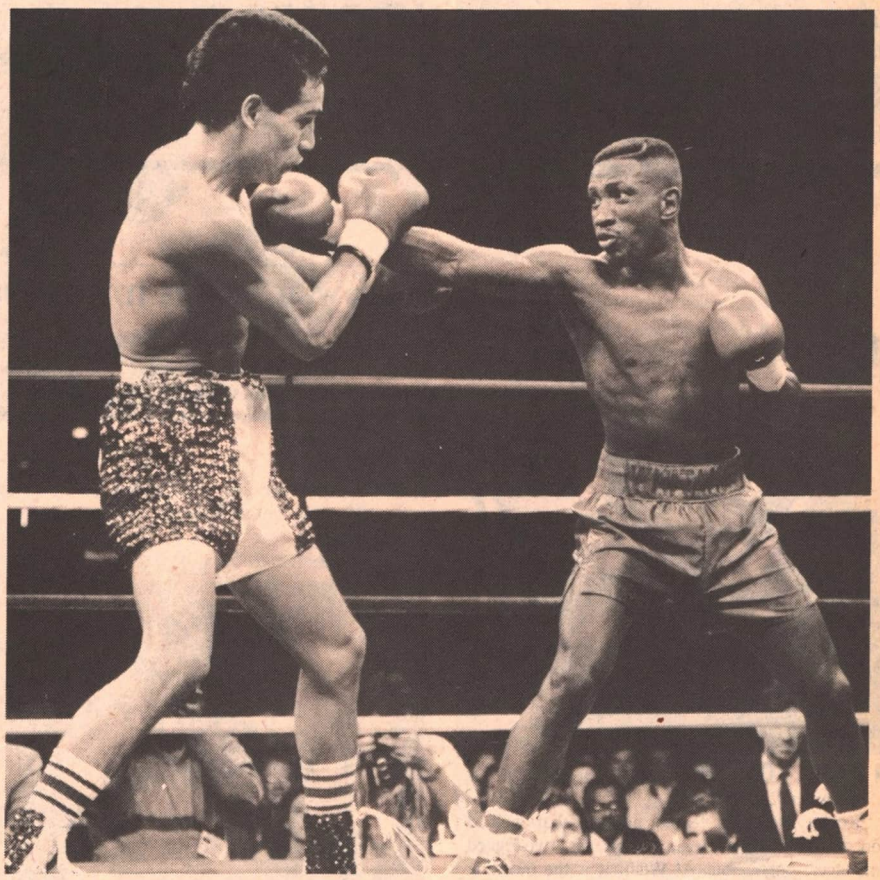
"Like anything else," adds Falcigno, "it will take getting used to by the public. At first, they'll say, 'Hey, I used to see this free.' It will be like what SportsChannel went through when it first introduced a pay channel for sports. People rebelled at first, but then everyone got used to it. I think people are conditioned now to athletes getting paid, and they know that the money has to come from somewhere."

"I see a bleak future for pay-per-view and for boxing," counters Trainer. "Pay-per-view just doesn't have the product. They're not going to get Ray Leonard or Tommy Hearns every month."

"I don't think pay-per-view will be a big success," theorizes Wallau, "because once the technology gets to the stage where many more people have pay-per-view, there will be tremendous competition for the viewer. People will be packaging everything, not just fights. And most American families don't have an unlimited entertainment budget.

"That's why this is going to be a very important year for the sport. It will be the start up of the pay-per-view series, but it will also answer the question of how the programs NBC uses to fill in its boxing dates perform. Will they draw ratings? Will they make money? If the answer is yes, it could be negative for boxing."

The operative phrase is: stay tuned. And be grateful that this may be one of the few situations where doing so won't cost you anything. ■



Fighters like undisputed lightweight king Pernell Whitaker, pictured against Louie Lomeli, have advanced from free TV to HBO. From a financial perspective, pay-per-view seems the next logical step.

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I FLY, YOU DRIVE!"

(September 23, 1953)

Rocky Marciano feared nothing that walked on two—or four—legs, except his two-legged manager, pugnacious Al Weill. It is the morning before Rocky is to defend the heavyweight title against Roland LaStarza at New York's Polo Grounds. The champ will spend the night before the fight at a New York City hotel, weigh in at Madison Square Garden at noon on the day of the fight, and relax at the hotel until about 6 p.m., when he will leave for the Polo Grounds.

The pre-battle plan was uncomplicated and in place, except for one minor point: What would be the champion's mode of travel from his training quarters at Grossinger's Hotel, located about 100 miles north of New York City, to the New York hotel in which he was to spend the night? Rocky assumed he would fly out of Grossinger's private airport, a flight of about 40 minutes.

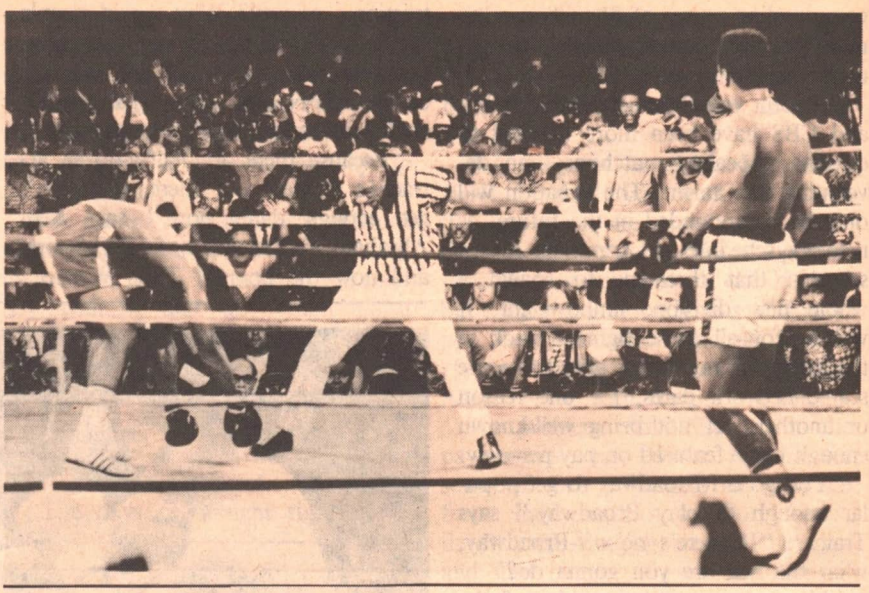
"What the hell are you doing here?" bellowed Weill.

"Flying to New York," replied the heavyweight champion.

"The hell you're flying!" shrieked Weill. "You're driving!"

And drive the champion did. As for Weill, he flew off into the wild blue yonder in the Grossinger's plane.

Whenever Al Weill was involved, there was only one boss. Even if you were the heavyweight champion of the world.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT HAPPENED 16 YEARS AGO?

(October 30, 1974)

In the humid, early-morning dawn of Zaire, Africa, referee Zack Clayton yells and signals "10! You're OUT!" over the quivering, jack-knifed body of defending heavyweight champion George Foreman, as the about-to-be-crowned new champion, Muhammad Ali, scans the cheering crowd. It was Foreman's first loss, and, most experts agreed, his finish. But who ever believed the experts?

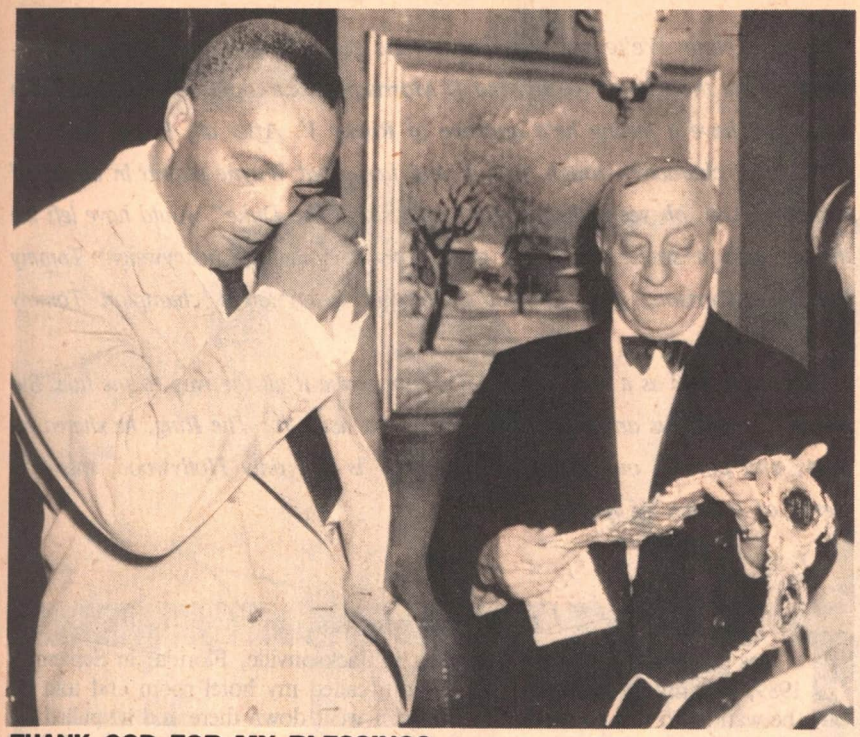
KEEPING IN SHAPE—FOR THE MOVIES

(June 1924)

Heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey (right) always kept in peak condition, even when not scheduled for a fight. He remained inactive in 1924 and 1925, except for a few exhibitions, concentrating instead on making films.

Dempsey was a terrible actor, and he hated Hollywood. "All they do around here is powder their faces during the day and party all night," he commented. But during one such party he met beautiful movie star Estelle Taylor, who became his first wife.

Here, Jack, his face made up for the cameras later in the day, does early-morning roadwork in the Hollywood Hills, accompanied by his good friend and trainer, Teddy Hayes, and a budding young star whose press agent leaped at the chance to get the kid photographed with the great Dempsey.



THANK GOD FOR MY BLESSINGS

(October 19, 1951)

Choking with emotion, world heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott brushes a tear from his eye as *The Ring* magazine Editor Nat Fleischer presents the 37-year-old champ with *The Ring* championship belt.

Said Jersey Joe upon accepting the prestigious trophy, "Now I feel like the champion."

ONE CHAMP TO ANOTHER

(November 1925)

World light heavyweight champion Paul Berlenbach spars with his champion show dog "Shorty" during the prestigious Kennel Club show in Southampton, Long Island, New York. Berlenbach, one of the hardest punchers of all time, was in training for a title defense against Canadian master boxer Jack Delaney. "Belting" Paul defeated Delaney to retain the title, and Shorty won the "Best in Show" blue ribbon. Proof that it's all in the breeding.

GUS, CARMEN, AND JIMMY

(September 6, 1957)

While shifting into serious preparation for his upcoming middleweight title fight with champion Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight champ Carmen Basilio (center) graciously receives a pair of famous supporters, former light heavyweight king Gus Lesnevich (left) and ex-heavyweight champion Jimmy Braddock. "Thanks for coming," said Carmen, as he greeted the former titlists. "I only wish I could be as good as you guys were."

Hero-worshipping Basilio got his wish. When the final votes were in at the end of their careers, Carmen ranked as their equal—and then some.

ALWAYS THE CLOWN

(September 21, 1955)

Max Baer gives Tony Galento "rabbit ears" as Joe Louis tries to keep from cracking up. The three old foes, who had settled their ring differences many years before, met at ringside before the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore title fight at New York's Yankee Stadium. Louis had knocked out both Baer and Galento, while Maxie had also kayoed "Two-Ton" Tony. Louis and Baer enjoyed reliving their 1935 fight in this same stadium. Galento's only comment: "Y're still a couple of bums!"

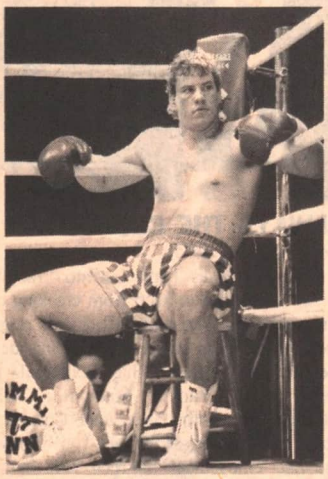
THE MAN WITH THE IRON JAW—LITERALLY

(June 23, 1923)

This is a portrait of a truly extraordinary man—and champion. This is Eugene Criqui, a Frenchman who in the 1920s won the admiration of not only boxing fans, but also ordinary folks all over the world because of his indomitable courage. Criqui was serving as a soldier of France during World War I when the left side of his jaw was blown off during the bloody Battle of the Marne. A metal plate was implanted, and after more than a year of recovery, he resumed his boxing career and the pursuit of his goal in life: winning a world championship.

Criqui achieved that goal on June 2, 1923, when he knocked out defending champion Johnny Kilbane to win the featherweight championship.

Acting Naturally:



My Starring Role In *ROCKY V*

Editor's Note: We're not sure that anyone ever asked Marion Michael Morrison what he thought of **Rocky**, *but if Morrison, a.k.a. John Wayne, were alive today, we have a feeling he'd approve of* **Rocky V**. *After all, Rocky Balboa is the kind of character—tough, proud, and fair—that Wayne played in dozens of westerns. And, oh yeah, there's another reason "The Duke" would have left the theater with a smile: His great grandnephew, unbeaten heavyweight Tommy "Duke" Morrison, plays Balboa's protege, heavyweight champion Tommy Gunn.*

Morrison, 22-0 as a pro, may or may not make it all the way to the title. But **Rocky V** *marks his arrival as a star. In an exclusive for* **The Ring**, *he shared his story, and pointed out that while* **Rocky V** *is still only Hollywood, there are plenty of touches of reality.*

■

By Tommy Morrison

I was preparing to fight Dave Jaco in Jacksonville, Florida, in September 1989, and my co-manager, Bill Cayton, called my hotel room and told me he wanted to talk to me in the lounge. I went down there and he pulled out this letter he had received from the MGM/United Artists people. Working behind the scenes, he had heard that Sylvester Stallone was making a *Rocky V* and was considering a real athlete for one of the leads. Bill had sent Sylvester a videocassette of some of my fights and better interviews. Stallone's people got a hold of Bill and told him they wanted me to come out for a reading. I didn't know what to think. I was totally blown away by it. I was in awe and excited, and at the same time scared to death because I knew I had had no acting experience.

I think they had auditioned 850 people over the year. Predictably, when they asked for a real fighter, people showed up who had never fought before. Some bodybuilders, some who looked like Greek gods but couldn't beat the s____ out of a diaper.

After I fought Jaco, I thought I'd be flying home to Kansas City. But the next morning, Cayton told me I was going to L.A. instead. This made it even more scary.

When I got there, they put me up in the Beverly Hills Hotel, and I did a reading with the director, John Avildsen. Stallone was finishing filming *Tango and Cash*. Avildsen came over to my room with a camcorder and stuck it in my face and told me to start reading these lines. I was scared to death. Then he told me to start improvising. I said, "Okay, okay," and the whole time I didn't know what the word improvise meant.

I eventually did a little better. But as I was flying back to Kansas City, I was afraid that I had made a total jerk of myself. About two weeks later, they sent an acting coach from L.A. to Kansas City who worked with me for about two weeks. We made some big strides. Then, in October, the day after my fight in Phoenix with Harry Terrell, I flew out to L.A. and did the screen test. It was the first time Sylvester and I worked together, with the lights and the cameras and the makeup. We acted out a scene together. I felt I did a lot better job. Two weeks later, they called me and congratulated me and said, "You got the job."

Acting is like anything else; the more times you do it, the more relaxed you become. The first scene we did was the big championship fight, in front of a live crowd of about 15,000 in Philadelphia. I had an advantage over a lot of others they had considered because I had had a lot of exposure on TV and doing interviews and being in front of large groups of people. I credit that. You get kind of used to all the people after a while.

Stallone was a complete gentleman. When I first met him, he asked me if I had ever been on a movie set. They had just finished a big shootout scene in *Tango and Cash*, and he took me through the whole set. Then we went back to his bus, and he told me he had seen some of my fights and interviews.

I told him I had been in the Sylvester Stallone fan club when I was 10 or 11, with posters all over my room. I had a pin with an autographed picture of Rocky that you got if you sent in about seven bucks. He said he couldn't believe it. It was really strange how everything fell into place.

Rocky was everybody's champion. He was somebody that was uneducated, from the streets of Philadelphia, a one-in-a-million shot, somebody everybody could relate to. He made you feel that when he won, you won. It's funny, I started boxing about two months before the first Rocky movie came out. If somebody then had said that I was someday going to be the star of a Rocky movie, I wouldn't have said anything; I would've just kept walking. Even in watching *Rocky IV* in the theater, nowhere in my wildest, wildest imagination did I think that someday I'd be doing something like that. I just got lucky.

I felt that my part of Tommy Gunn was easy, even though my acting teachers said that playing yourself is hard, as opposed to playing someone else. The character comes from Oklahoma, his name is Tommy, he was raised in a poor background, he saved up all his money to come to Philadelphia to search out his idol. I could relate to him. I was on my way to play college football when my co-manager, John Brown, brought me to the Kansas City Golden Gloves.

But toward the end of the movie, when the character starts getting a little high on himself and lets himself get sucked in by this powerful promoter and seduced by cars and women, there's no parallel there at all.

While making the movie, I realized that if I ever become heavyweight champion, all that will be there. But at the same time, I said to myself, "There's no way this could ever happen to me." Not only would I say I don't want it, but there are so many living examples—Tyson being one of them—of what the movie talks about. You just can't get away from the people who put you where you're at.

I think Mike Tyson basically spit in the faces of the people who put him where he's at. They took him when he was 13 years old, a street punk, and made him heavyweight champion of the world. It seems like overnight he was willing to give all of them up. It's ironic that he was so naive that he was unable to see what was happening to him. There were a lot of parallels with what happens in *Rocky V* and what's happened in real life.

Stallone and I never fight in the movie. He was so glad that he didn't have to go through the fighting. After four of the *Rocky* movies, he was tired of smelly, sweaty bodies.

The boxing scenes weren't hard to do. I didn't have to pull punches; I'd actually follow through, just eight inches away from the other person's face. It was pretty easy because the actor I worked with in the major fight scene, Mike Williams, was a professional heavyweight who fought guys like Buster Douglas. Williams' character is Union Cane. When Rocky comes back from Russia and his bout with Ivan Drago from *Rocky IV,* he realizes he has brain damage and can't fight again. So he has to give up his title, and the number one and two contenders fight for the championship. Union Cane wins, and that's the guy I challenge for the title. Mr. T, Carl Weathers, they had never fought for real, though they did great jobs in the *Rocky* movies. But with Mike Williams and me, it wasn't necessary to take the time to show us how to throw punches or make it look realistic. It's all in the camera angles.

For these quick clip scenes, there were seven or eight guys who were supposed to take punches thrown at 30 percent, one-punch knockout types of things. A lot of the guys were stuntmen. They would roll with the punch, so it didn't really do anything to them, even though it *looked* like it knocked the s____ out of them. But there were two guys I did it with who just stood there and didn't move their heads at all. I guess they got hurt a little bit. Maybe it was something they had thought about doing beforehand. My punches weren't that hard; those stuntmen just didn't do what they were supposed to do. One guy claims that he got his jaw hurt. I find that a little hard to believe. I think it's probably something those guys had in their back pockets the whole time. After, when they were talking about lawsuits, they tried to say there had been friction on the set between us. I didn't even know the guys. I was just doing what I got paid to do. People will do anything for a little attention.

If you're going to be cast as Rocky Balboa's protege, you'd better be able to do one-handed pushups. Morrison's character didn't have to fight Stallone. "He was tired of smelly, sweaty bodies," Morrison said.

I think Sylvester picked a good story for this movie. He got a lot of his ideas from the Mike Tyson thing. The movie, on top of being realistic, has a message. The movie shows how the big-time promoter leaves himself open for the audience to say, "Aha, this guy is a rat." There's a really strong message there for the people who know how the boxing business works. King and Tyson will know exactly what's being said. Without mentioning names, the movie singles out a few people. Boxing people will know who those people are.

Stallone is a perfectionist. Even though he didn't direct the movie, he offered a lot of good ideas. He and John Avildsen know how each other thinks. They just kept doing it until they got what they wanted. Stallone made me extremely relaxed. If I ever had a question or needed advice, he was

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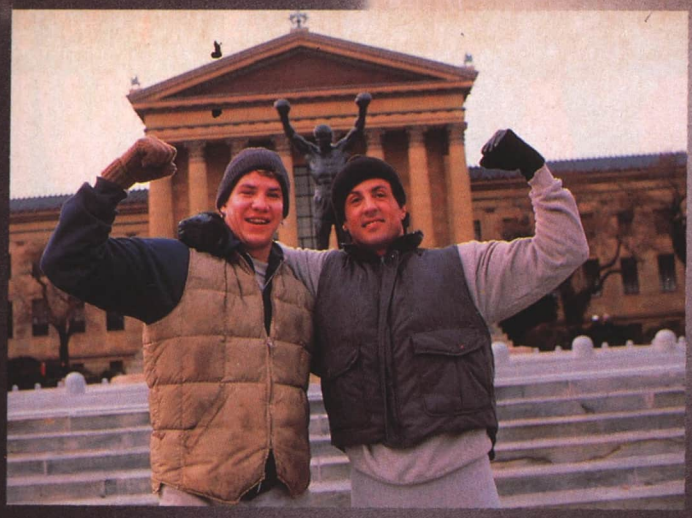
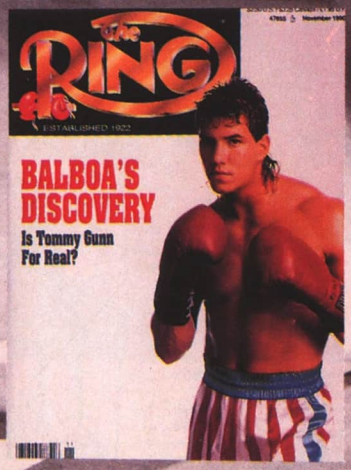


Left: Tommy Gunn and Rocky pose in front of the real-life Philadelphia statue that commemorates the reel-life heavyweight champion.



A mock cover of *The Ring* (inset above) appears in *Rocky V*. A future coverline just might read "Is Tommy Morrison For Real?"

Tommy Gunn in action (middle and inset above). He was allowed to load up and fire with full leverage, but "eight inches away from the other person's face."

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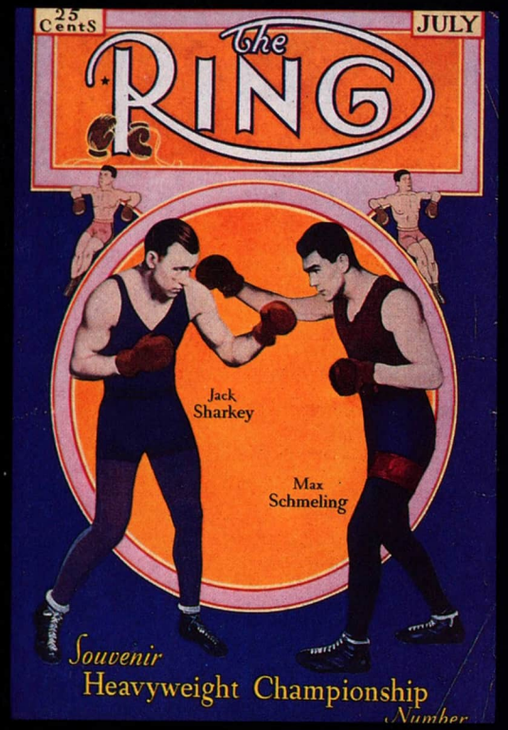

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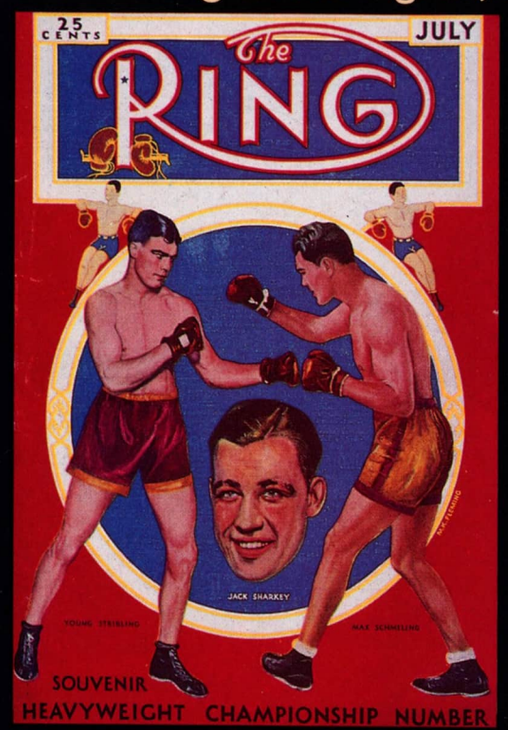

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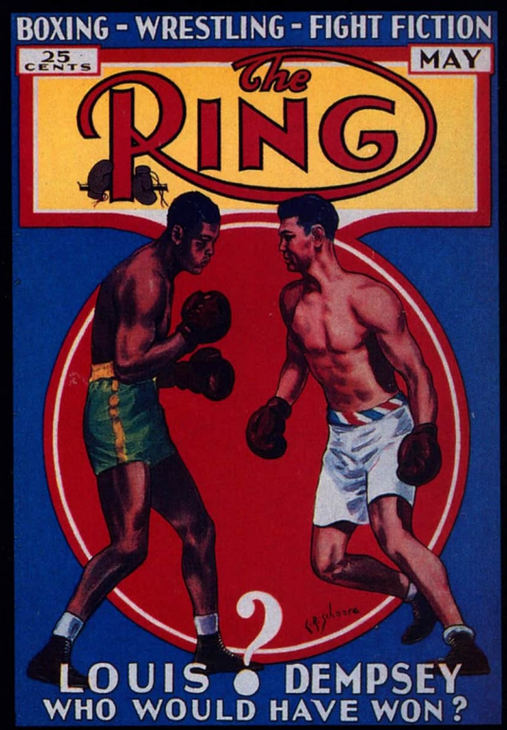

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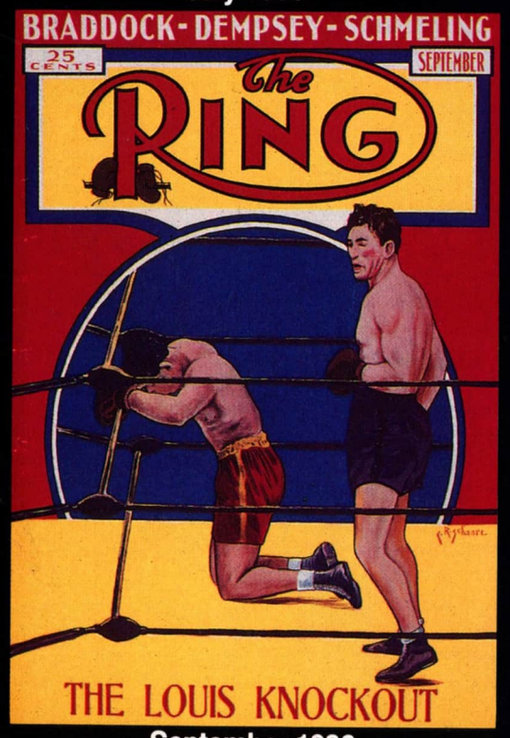

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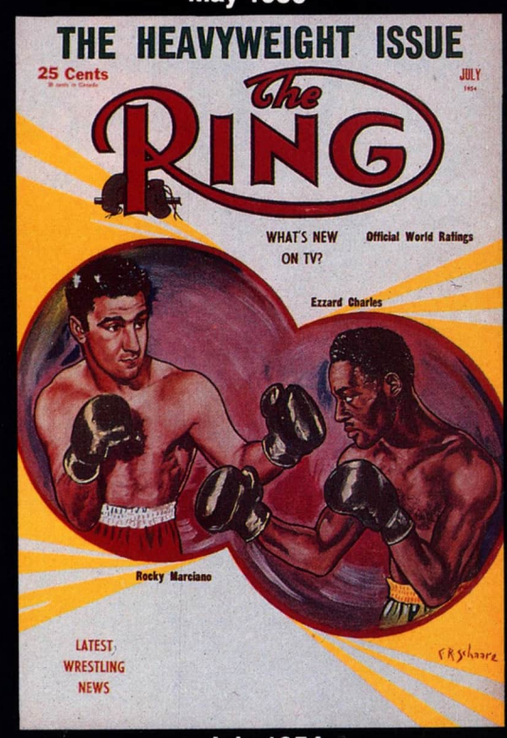

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WORLD CHAMPION
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HUMBERTO GONZALEZ: 5'1", 108 POUNDS . . .

And The Most Feared Fighter in Boxing

By Bruce Williams

In boxing, the most explosive fists sometimes belong to the smallest fighters. And in today's fight game, *"La Chiquita"* ("the small one") may have the most explosive fists of all.

"I was the littlest fighter training in the gymnasium," explained Humberto Gonzalez Villalba, 24, who lives in Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl, just outside Mexico City. "So they called me La Chiquita. It's a woman's name, but it's a friendly name."

It had better be. La Chiquita has grown from the days when he was a 15-year-old gym rat—maybe not in size (he's still only 5'1"), but definitely in stature. In fact, some boxing people are calling him the best pound-for-pound fighter in the game, even though he won a world title only 18 months ago and has had less than two years of international experience.

Gonzalez is the WBC light flyweight champion and already the greatest 108-pounder his country has ever produced. Freddy Castillo, Pedro Flores, Amado Ursua, Lupe Madera, and German Torres all won world titles, but each was dethroned in his first defense.

Gonzalez has defended the title five times since beating Yul Woo Lee via 12-round unanimous decision in June 1989. All-time 108-pound great Jung Koo Chang came out of retirement in December 1989, only to lose a unanimous decision to La Chiquita. Then Gonzalez went on a knockout binge, stopping Francisco Tejedor in three rounds, Luis Monzote in three, Jung Keun Lim in five, and Jorge Rivera in nine.

Gonzalez, 29-0 (23), is recovering from a slight break in his left hand suffered in August against Rivera in Cancun, Mexico. His sixth defense is scheduled for mid-December at the Great Western Forum, most likely against unbeaten Domingo Sosa of the Dominican Republic.

"The thing I desire most is to be in continuous action," Gonzalez said before his injury. "I don't want to be one of those champions who fights only from time to time. There are some who do so because of a lack of offers, but that's not my case.

Last December, Gonzalez, a 108-pound legend-in-the-making, outpointed Jung Koo Chang, arguably the greatest fighter in the division's history.

"In my division, the paydays aren't out of this world, so I want to fight often. I want to make 10 defenses of my title in the space of 2½ years. Then I'll go for the flyweight title. I want to retire when I'm 27 or 28, not much more. My goal is to make a record of defenses of the title, nothing more."

Gonzalez had some trepidations before his U.S. debut in June at the Forum against Monzote. But he needn't have worried; his aggressive style, deceiving power, and easy-going personality quickly won him a large Southern California following.

"People now see Chiquita as a hero; the Mexican people have made me a hero," Gonzalez, who speaks no English, said. "I felt as if I was home in Mexico, and it gave me satisfaction to see the people turn out in good numbers. [Gonzalez drew 5,566 in June, and 7,187 in July against Lim.] They said they didn't like the lighter-weight fighters here. It motivated me a lot that when I left the dressing room to walk to the ring, and the public exploded in cries of 'Chiquita, Chiquita!'

"I have to try and work even harder now, to stay on top for the people and for the money. It was important that I make a good impression in my first U.S. fight. I expected people to like my style of fighting. It's very important to me that people like my style because I have heavy punches. It's important they like my show in the ring."

La Chiquita can fight effectively from either an orthodox or southpaw stance, and many a foe has quickly been crunched by his bread-and-butter punch, a quick, sharp left uppercut. He has won with constant, steady pressure, as against the Koreans Lee and Chang, and with sudden and crushing flurries, as against Tejedor and Lim. Justo Sanchez says he ordered the champion not to make quick work of Rivera. Not only did Gonzalez need the rounds, but Sanchez felt his fighter was running the risk of scaring off opponents. The champion dropped Rivera just before the end of the first round, then bided his time until he decided to put the challenger away early in the ninth.

It was early in his life that The Small One knew that he was going to be a boxer. His father, Isaias Gonzalez, who died six years ago of diabetes

at age 53, groomed him to follow in his footsteps, both in the meat market that was Gonzalez' workplace, and in the ring that was his secret passion.

"To him, pugilism was enchanting," the world champion reminisced. "My papa trained, but he never fought. Without a doubt he was a passionate aficionado of this sport all his life, and he took me to the gymnasiums. Those are the most early and clear remembrances of my youth: the butcher shop and the gymnasium.

"Since I was a child, I was accustomed to listening in my home to things about boxing. Every Saturday we'd watch the shows from the Coliseo Arena [in downtown Mexico City] on television. Pipino Cuevas became my idol. For the longest time I wanted to be like him, but I couldn't imagine that the day would come when we'd really be brothers of the ring, and, like him, I would be a world champion. I learned my gymnasium work ethic from Pipino. He's an example for me inside and outside of the ring."

Gonzalez has five sisters and a brother. His mother died when he was seven, and his father remarried. His father sold meat in the market of San Lorenzo, in Mexico City's Metropolitana colonia, for more than 25 years. La Chiquita learned the skills of a butcher when he was a little boy, and now Gonzalez, who studied accounting before leaving school, runs not only La Chiquita (as the shop has been rechristened), but also La Chiquita II and III. His family's future seems set.

"After I retire I want to work peacefully in my three meat markets," he said. "That is my trade, into which I was born and in which I believe I will be until I die. I would also like to study languages, to learn a lot about other countries, to have more time for me and my family. My wife Margarita Martinez and my children, Nancy [age three] and Humberto Isaias [age one], are my happiness."

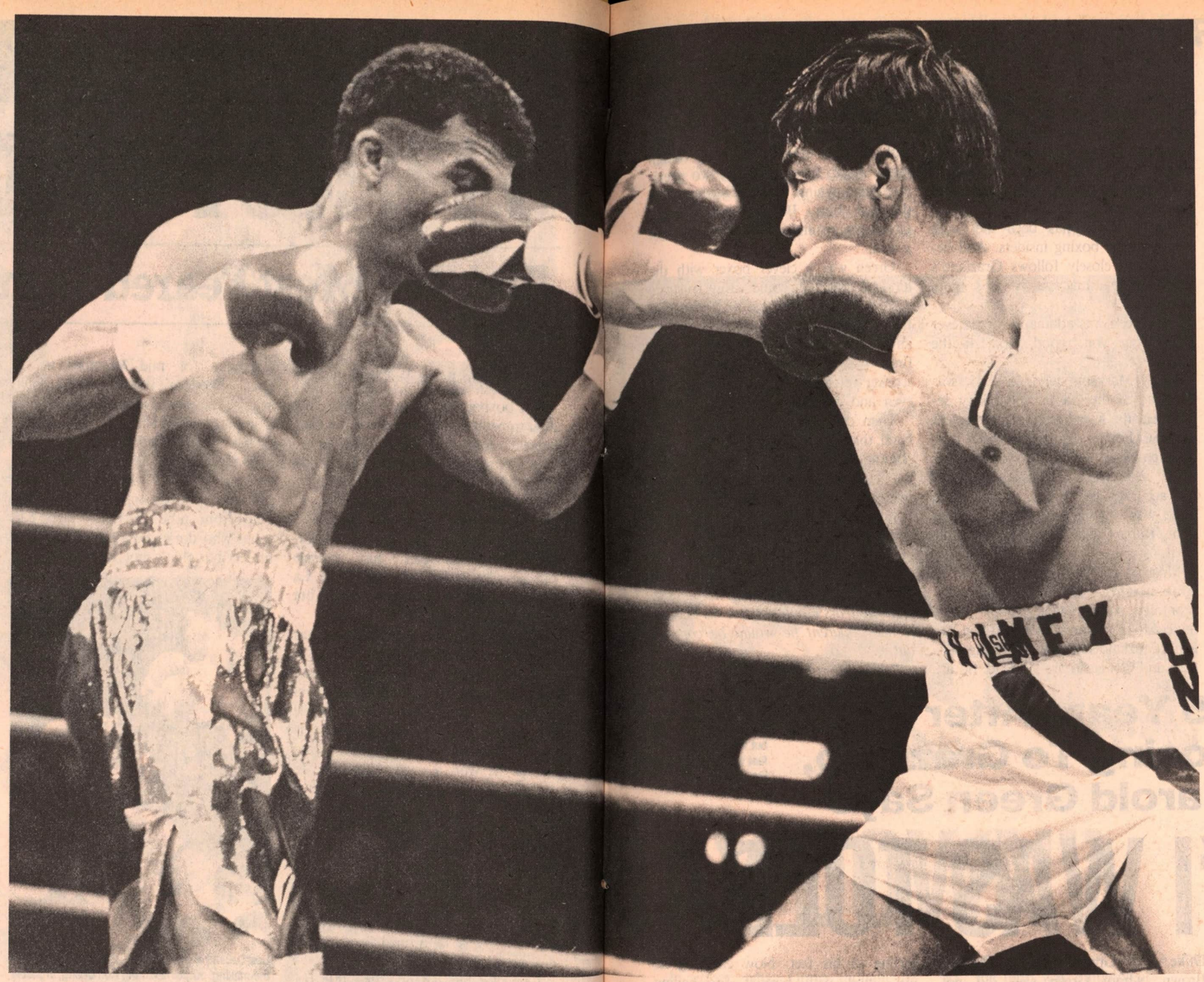
After defeating Monzote in his Los Angeles debut, Gonzalez took his family to Magic Mountain, Disneyland, and Universal Studios. Away from the ring and the butcher shop, Gonzalez enjoys a simple life of watching television and playing with his kids.

"Boxing is a very good sport. It's given me everything: my home, my inheritance, the best things of my life. I can't say that anything about it disgusts me, because it's my life, and thanks to it I have all that I have.

"I don't like to drink. My friends are very select. I don't smoke . . . sometimes my only vice is training," the champion laughed. "The most difficult thing is when I'm out of the ring. The fight's not hard, but the training is. I train too much, run all day, work in the gym."

When it comes time to put his title on the line, Gonzalez knows that he has put in the work to be physically prepared. But he considers last-minute mental preparation just as important. "When I'm in my dressing room before the fight, I always make plans for the opponent and tell myself, 'You are the champion, you are the best, and you're going to triumph; this enemy has nothing with which he can beat you.' And I'm thinking all that because I'm convinced it is so.

"I'm unbeaten, but I don't want to say that I am invincible. In no manner do I think so. I know some day it could happen that I'll lose, and if it does, I believe I'm prepared for it. But there's one thing: I know that if that moment comes when there's somebody I don't beat, at that moment I'm still not a failure. If it happens, well, that's that. But I tell you sincerely, I'm totally certain that I will go a long time without losing."



Gonzalez, a southpaw, jabs at slick Luis Monzote during a title defense at the Great Western Forum in June. Monzote lasted only three rounds. Gonzalez, on a kayo streak, was sidelined by a broken hand suffered in his most recent defense.

Gonzalez, in fact, has never known defeat. He compiled a 25-0 (20) amateur record before turning pro on September 1, 1984, with a four-round decision over Jorge Ortega. La Chiquita won the Mexican 108-pound title from Jorge Cano in September 1987, and defended it twice.

Through his amateur career and up until shortly before his defense against Monzote, Gonzalez was handled by Lupe Sanchez, one of Mexico's grand masters.

"He was the best," said Gonzalez of Sanchez, who died in April of a heart attack. "I may now be confident and an extrovert in the ring, but I've always been shy outside it. It was Lupe who drew me out, who was a second father to me, my principle counselor. He gave me the love of the gymnasium. That will never change."

Sanchez' son Francisco (known as Paco) now acts as Gonzalez' main handler. Justo "La Manzana" Sanchez (no relation) is the champion's official manager and directs him in the gym. Juan Gutierrez is his trainer. And Rafael Mendoza has joined the camp, acting as an international agent and booker.

There has been some disharmony in camp, particularly when it comes time to choose an opponent. Mendoza pushed for the fight with Lim, while Paco Sanchez wanted the defense against Rivera. To make everybody happy, the champion wound up defending his title twice in 33 days. If it hadn't been for the broken hand, Gonzalez may have run the risk of developing the Gilberto Roman syndrome—too many tough championship fights too close together, leading to burnout.

The one fight every fan wants to see is Gonzalez against Phoenix' Michael Carbajal, a silver medalist at the 1988 Olympics and the unbeaten IBF 108-pound titlist. Promoter Bob Arum has spoken of a Gonzalez-Carbajal showdown as the first million-dollar junior flyweight fight. Carbajal and his handlers, however, seem in no hurry to square off with La Chiquita.

"I consider him [Carbajal] a rival who to a certain point would be easy for Humberto," said Paco Sanchez. "We have seen videos, and I believe he's not strong enough for the champ. Carbajal is fast and boxes, but he doesn't have a big punch and also lacks great strength. It's a fight that will happen down the line.

"Humberto is a disciplined fighter, so devoted to the gym that sometimes he is so under the weight that without problems he could qualify for the strawweight [105-pound] division. If we had an attractive fight in that division, we could accept it. And Humberto could just as easily go up to fight in the super flyweights [115 pounds]."

Gonzalez accepts the praise, the spotlight, and the high expectations with unchanged modesty.

"A boxer should be humble," he insists. "In spite of the fact I am champion, I haven't changed; I have tried to remain the same. I've tried to pose for the cameras, to give autographs, and to spend time with those who admire me."

But he's most comfortable in his own domains. The butcher shop. His home. And the ring. In that arena, The Small One is becoming a giant. ■

Bruce Williams is The Ring's Mexican correspondent.

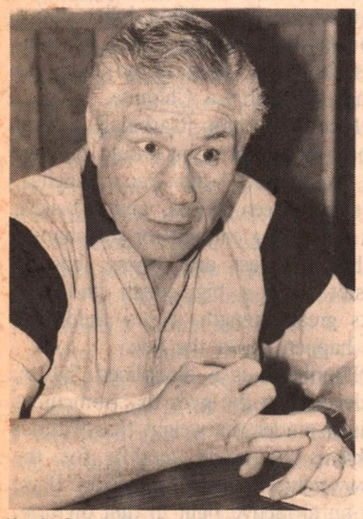
45 Years After Losing To Graziano, Harold Green Says

"I WAS TOLD TO LAY DOWN"

By Robert Cassidy

It was 1945 and Rocky Graziano's popularity was growing at an astounding rate. He was riding a five-bout knockout streak and had drawn two consecutive $100,000 gates at Madison Square Garden. On September 28, he faced Brooklyn middleweight Harold Green, himself boasting of a 22-bout unbeaten streak that included two wins over Graziano. By signing to fight Green, Graziano's management was jeopardizing a shot at the middleweight title. At this point in the fighter's career it seemed to be an unnecessary risk. Or was it?

On that night, Graziano connected with one of his legendary right hands in the third round and Green landed flat. Referee Ruby Goldstein counted to 10. The fight was over, but there were some questions asked at the time that were never answered.



Harold Green, 67, says he took a dive in his critical 1945 bout against Rocky Graziano.

How was it, for instance, that Green was able to spring to his feet a split second after the count?

And why did Green and one of his cornermen charge Graziano and start a riot moments after the fight ended?

Now, 45 years after the fight and four months after Graziano's death, Green has decided to share his version of what happened that night.

"I was told to lay down," Green, now 67 and still living in Brooklyn, told *The Ring* exclusively. "I was told when I climbed into the ring. I didn't know nothing about it until I climbed into the ring. I was told to lay down in the eighth round."

Green said that his cornerman, Charles Duke, was the one who told him to throw the Graziano fight in exchange for a shot at the middleweight title. Duke, who once served 4½ years in prison, was reputed to have underworld ties.

Green's claim has been met with skepticism by boxing insiders. And because it so closely follows Graziano's death, its legitimacy is perhaps more suspect.

But Green was adamant: "Whatever I'm telling you, good God, is the truth."

Harry Markson, who, in 1945, was the head of the Garden's publicity department (he later became the president of MSG boxing), is among those who disagree with Green's assessment. "I would very much express doubt as to the accuracy of that," he said. "If there was anything suspicious in that fight, Ruby Goldstein would have noted it."

Most of the key figures involved in Graziano-Green III, including Garden promoter Mike Jacobs, New York State Athletic Commissioner Eddie Eagan, Graziano's manager, Irving Cohen, and Goldstein are all dead. So are Duke and Green's trainer, Freddy Brown, whom Green said did not know about the fix.

Al Braverman, a long-time manager and now Don King's director of boxing, also disputes Green's claim.

"Let me tell you, Harold Green could fight," he said. "But he's out of order. Rocky Graziano is a legend. And you don't put the mark on a legend."

Graziano's death in May has only strengthened his stature as a ring legend. He remains one of New York's most popular fighters. The majority of insiders predictably supported the legitimacy of the fight's outcome.

And why not? The result, *Graziano KO 3 Green,* is not a peculiar one. Graziano had flattened many fighters with his right cross, and would flatten many more. In each of his two previous fights against Green, Graziano had dropped him. But in both bouts, Green got up and managed to pull out a win.

Green was a clever boxer with the kind of style that could easily frustrate a slugger like Graziano. In their third fight, Green used those skills to take an early lead. Two judges gave him the first two rounds, and Goldstein, a scoring referee, called the first round even and gave the second to Green.

Then came the third and the right hand that dropped Green, who had a reputation for getting knocked down, but not knocked out. Green always rose—except this time. According to a fight report written by *The Ring's* Editor, Nat Fleischer, it was intimated that he could have. Fleischer wrote: *At eight he [Green] reached a sitting posture but couldn't rise, and as he sat, with the tears coming down his cheeks, it was apparent he would be counted out.*

When Goldstein reached 10, Green sprung to his feet. Now claiming he was upset with himself for having thrown the fight, he suddenly charged after Graziano. Duke followed, and, according to published reports, instead of trying to stop Green, the cornerman began throwing punches.

Green was fined $1,000 for inciting a riot and suspended for one year by Eagan. His manager, Sol Gold, was suspended for a year; Brown was suspended for six months; and Duke had his license revoked for life. Published reports at the time questioned why such severe penalties would have been enforced for an incident of this nature. Asked if he felt he was suspended as a result of the fight's aftermath, Green told *The Ring,* "No, [it was] because they thought I dumped the fight."

Green was supposed to have "dumped the fight" in the eighth round, but says he opted to save himself the punishment and fall in the third.

"It wasn't easy," Green said. "When you're doing it, it hurts [Green points to his heart]. And it hurts in your mind. You say, 'What are you doing?' "

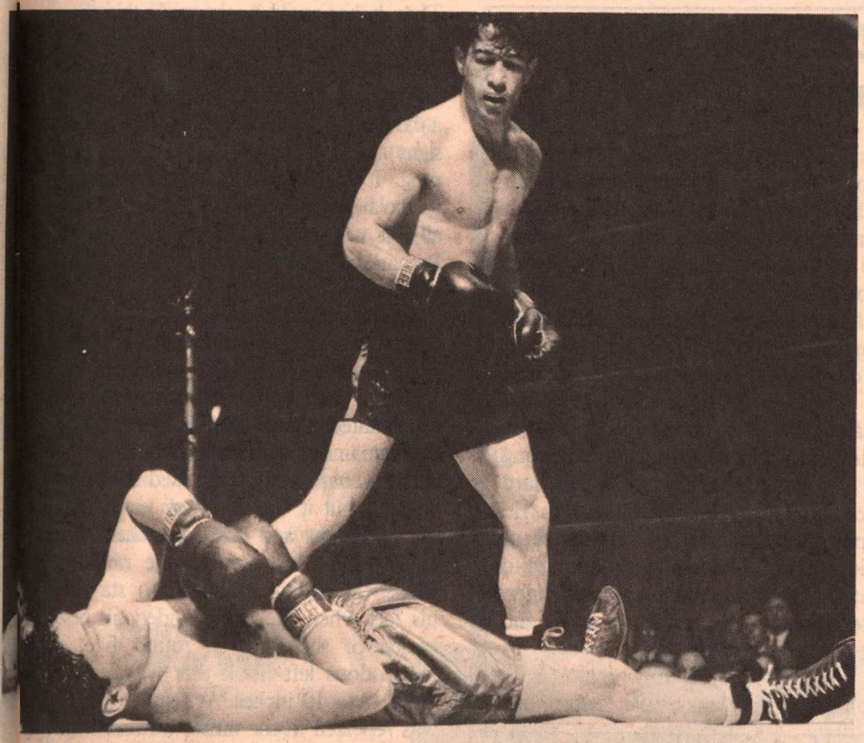
In effect, what Green thought he was doing was securing a title shot. In 1944, he moved into the top 10 as a welterweight, and would later do the same at middleweight. He became a contender on his own, but found he couldn't advance further without help.

"To stay up there you needed the right connections," he said. "Rocky was with the right people. He was pushed. I was promised a title shot. But I never got it. The guys I were with weren't strong enough."

A year later, Graziano knocked out welterweight champion Marty Servo in a non-title fight and then got his shot at middleweight king Tony Zale. Graziano was knocked out, but won the title by stopping Zale in a 1947 rematch.

"If I was with the right people, at the right time, I would have been a world champion," Green said. "Even today you need the right people with you."

In today's boxing world, the politics of the self-serving governing bodies has taken the place of the machinations of organized crime. But in the '40s and '50s, the mob was omnipotent.



Green is flat after absorbing a right hand. He was counted out—but then sprung to his feet and charged after his conqueror.

In a story entitled "Honest Fighters Finish Last" in the April 1961 issue of *True* magazine, former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta wrote a first-person account of organized crime's involvement in boxing. His story substantiates Green's claim that Graziano was connected with the right people.

LaMotta wrote: *Rocky's supposed manager was Irving Cohen, his real behind-the-scenes manager was Eddie Coco, a mob guy and close associate of Frankie Carbo, the big mob guy in boxing. With this kind of backing, Rocky could get title shots . . . I had no deal with him [Carbo] . . . To get a chance at the championship, I had to make a deal with the fight mob. That is one of the reasons for my notorious deal to throw the Billy Fox fight.*

LaMotta was regarded as Graziano's closest friend. When asked whether he felt Green had taken a dive, he would say only, "I doubt it; I would have known about it."

LaMotta, who admitted to throwing the Fox fight while testifying before a Senate Committee, was not willing to discuss Green-Graziano at length.

But Irving Rudd, a veteran press agent who now works for Top Rank, doesn't dismiss Green's claim.

"I couldn't give you an authentic yes or no; I was never involved with anything like that," he said. "But no doubt, some of that stuff did go on. And no doubt that could have been the case."

The one glaring question that faces Green: Why now? Why reveal this after Graziano's death? According to Green, it is something that has been stirring inside him for too long. But there are no other apparent motives. No book deals, no movies, no cash payments. He also makes it a point to say that his intentions are not to diminish Graziano's accomplishments. Nor does he resent his old foe.

"Rocky was a great fighter," he said. "And he was one of the nicest guys you ever met. We were good friends. When I saw him on top, I was happy. I only blame myself for being at the wrong place at the wrong time."

That cliche best sums up Green's career. He was a legitimate contender, and aside from twice beating Graziano, he defeated world champions Fritzie Zivic and Joey Giardello. After his third fight with Graziano, however, his life began a steady decline. He never did get his title fight, and in 1954, he was arrested for bookmaking.

"Gambling ruined me completely," he said.

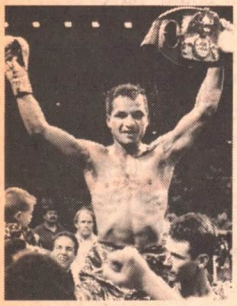
Green reflects upon his career with a sense of pride. He says that he has "nothing to complain about." But in the back of his mind, he knows that if he had beaten Graziano that September night at the Garden, his career—and his life—would have been different.

"Certainly I regret [taking a dive]," Green said. "My biggest regret is that I didn't become champion. I'm broke now. I'm a forgotten man. When you're champion, they write books and movies about you. You're never forgotten." ■

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Tony Lopez

Some of our world champions lead with sizzling speed, like Pernell Whitaker. Others tussle with kayo muscle, like Khaosai Galaxy. Still others flow with endless blows, like Sung Kil Moon. Not all champions, however, are blessed with physical gifts. Some must rely on intangibles, like concentration, resiliency, and adaptability. A pair of such champions rule in the junior lightweight division. One of them, long-standing WBA champion Brian Mitchell, successfully defended against a capable contender in Frankie Mitchell. Another, IBF titlist Tony Lopez, beat a fellow champion, Jorge Paez.



Lopez is both fast and quick, but not as fast and quick as, say, John-John Molina. He's strong, but not as strong as, say, Jeff Fenech. And he can punch, but not as hard as, say, Azumah Nelson. The Californian doesn't win because of exceptional speed, strength, or power, but rather the knowledge of when to use his tools. He beat Rocky Lockridge because he was smart enough to load up against a vulnerable target. He beat the swift Molina by turning tiger. And he beat Paez by wisely boxing his shorter foe, and then switching styles and scoring with a body attack.

When you're not the most talented fighter in the world, you do what you have to to win. Lopez, 6-1 in world title fights, has learned that simple lesson well.

DAVE McAULEY-RODOLFO BLANCO

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND—In 1987, McAuley and then-WBA flyweight champion Fidel Bassa waged war for 13 breathtaking rounds before fatigue forced McAuley into submission. The contest earned the distinction of being voted flyweight Fight of the Decade by *The Ring*. Three years later, at the very same King's Hall arena, the merits of that fantastic battle were surpassed. Blanco's valiant effort, combined with IBF 112-pound champion McAuley's overwhelming will to win, produced an absolute classic.

For 12 rounds the fight ebbed and flowed. McAuley was knocked down twice in round two, once in the third, and once more in round 11. Each time, he broke Blanco's heart by proving himself capable of coming right back.

At the end of a seesaw bout, the three judges scored unanimously for the defending champion. Knud Jenson (Denmark) tabbed it 117-113; Frank Brunette (New Jersey) saw it 113-111; Rocky Castellani (New Jersey) scored 115-110. *The Ring* scored 114-111 for McAuley. The announcement of the decision sparked off a bitter complaint from the Colombian's corner, which felt four knockdowns should have secured a victory. On the cards, however, Blanco only won the rounds in which he scored knockdowns.

The first occurred with about 40 seconds remaining in round two. McAuley, 112, 16-2-2 (8), had easily dictated matters in the opening three minutes—perhaps *too* easily. Over came the right hand from Blanco, 111½, 25-6-1 (17), and down went the champion, who was hurt and in trouble. The suddenly startled McAuley rose at the four-count of referee Waldemar Schmidt. Then it happened again, only this time the right was landed with greater authority. McAuley slumped in the Colombian's corner like a sack of potatoes, and although he was up again quickly, the signs were ominous. But then the bell rang. It must have sounded like music to the Irishman's ears—if he heard it at all! He was swept off his feet by trainer Bernardo Checa and carried back to his corner.

In round three, McAuley hit the deck again from another roundhouse right, but this time it provided the stimulus that the champion needed. A rejuvenated McAuley dug deep to win the remainder of the round.

The champion proceeded to take control, but it was far from easy, with the confident and stubborn challenger living up to his number-one ranking. Blanco somehow managed to stay on his feet when McAuley landed his best punch of the fight in round five, a tremendous left hook that traveled no more than 10 inches. When the punch was repeated in the ninth, however, the Colombian's powers of resistance proved not quite as infallible, as he was sent to the canvas during the best three minutes of the fight. McAuley now seemed to have victory safely in sight.

But just as the fight had turned once, it was soon to turn again. Blanco made one last gallant effort in the 11th, and it paid dividends when his right hand found its mark once more.

"I was shaken, but not hurt," said McAuley.

Barney Eastwood, McAuley's manager, added later, "To go out and win the last round as easily as he did proved what a great champion he really is. I've never known any man who fights as well when hurt. His well of courage is 100 feet deep!"

It was fitting that the two should be slugging toe to toe to complete a most amazing fight. No greater a battle had ever been fought in a King's Hall ring. In the process, McAuley wrote his

name into the record books by becoming the first Irishman to win four world title fights.

A bout between McAuley and WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada is becoming a distinct possibility for the not-too-distant future.

In the main support, Venezuela's Crisanto "Claws" Espana, who fights out of Belfast, brushed aside Felix Dubray, Omaha, Nebraska, by knocking him out in round four of a scheduled welterweight 10.

Richie Wenton, Belfast via Liverpool, outpointed Graham O'Malley, Newcastle, over six three-minute rounds; bantamweights.

Ray Close, Belfast, outpointed Ray Webb, London, over eight rounds; middleweights.

John Lowey, Belfast, stopped Lee Cargle, Los Angeles, in the third of a scheduled eight; bantamweights.

Noel Magee, Belfast, outpointed Glazz Campbell, Sheffield, over eight; light heavyweights.

Promoters: Eastwood Promotions, National Promotions

Matchmaker: Paddy Byrne

Timekeeper: Dale Elliott

Referees (undercard): Barney Wilson, David Irving

Attendance: 4,000 (estimated)

(9-15-90)

Brian Doogan

TONY LOPEZ-JORGE PAEZ

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA—Junior lightweight champion Lopez retained the IBF title with a unanimous 12-round decision over IBF featherweight champion Paez. There were no knockdowns, and every round was close.

Though is was hardly an exciting contest, the show made more money than any fight ever held in California. The match beat out the Ali-Norton rematch for box-office receipts.

"I could have done better," the 27-year-old Lopez said. "He was very hard to hit. He's a good fighter. I knew it would not be easy."

Never known as a boxer, Lopez relied on a jab and right cross to defeat Paez, the circus performer known as "Maromero." Paez, 130, Mexicali, Mexico, did his usual showboating. When he was introduced, he teased the near-sellout crowd for not booing loud enough. While very skilled, Paez has a most bizarre taste in grooming and fashion. His trunks looked like a half-dozen hula skirts. As for his haircut—Freddie Kruger does a much better job.

Neither man was ever in serious trouble. Lopez, 36-2, got off to a good start, winning four of the first five rounds by a slim margin. Paez, 35-3-3, did well in the sixth, ducking under Lopez' punches and landing some crisp shots. It was difficult to believe that Paez had scored 25 knockouts.

Paez rallied in the later rounds, winning the 10th and 12th, but it was not enough. All three judges, Larry Rozadilla, Dave Nelson Jr., and Rudy Ortega, scored the 12-round bout 117-111. *The Ring* had it 117-113. Lopez earned at least $280,000, and Paez made $225,000. There is some talk about Lopez meeting lightweight king Pernell Whitaker, but don't hold your breath; Sacramento is a great fight town, and a local hero is worth a lot of money.

The card was promoted by Don Chargin. A crowd of 15,008 paid $601,000, passing Ali-Norton II by $143,000.

Rafael Ruelas, 126½, Arleta, scored a sloppy TKO over ordinary Felipe DeJesus, 127¼, Mexico. Ruelas, 21-0 (18), looked awkward and uninspired against an opponent with a record claimed to be 28-8.

Hector Lizarraga, the California state featherweight champion, knocked out Waldemar Franco, 126, in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder. Lizarraga, San Jose, is 15-7-3. Franco, Brazil, is 15-6-2.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Evelio Perez, 136, Los Angeles, stopped Miguel Reyes, 135½, San Diego, midway through the first round. Perez is 10-2 (6). Reyes fell to 6-4.

In another six-rounder, Anthony Lopez, 129, Sacramento, improved to 10-1 with a unanimous decision over Arturo Hernandez, Tijuana. The loser is 23-16.

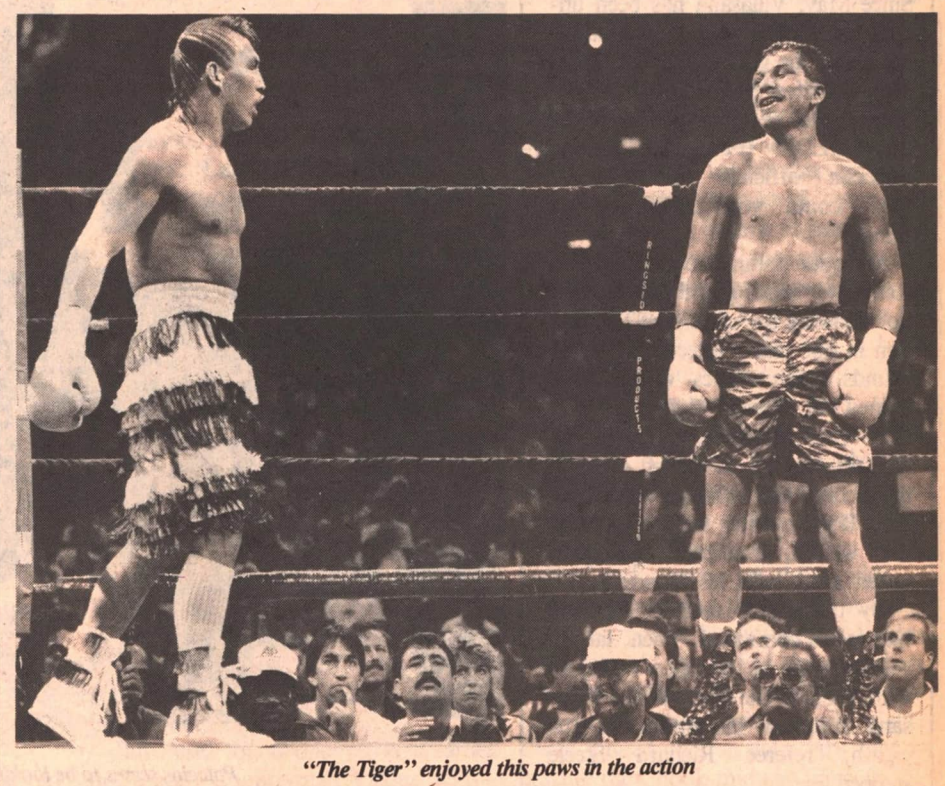
(9-22-90)

Christopher Coats

MARCOS VILLASANA-JAVIER MARQUEZ

MEXICALI, MEXICO—It's a lot more fun being world champion and defending the title than getting one shot a year at it and losing. Just ask Villasana. He's an authority.

In 1986, '87, '88, and '89, the Mexican featherweight received an annual world title opportunity. Each time he failed to capture the belt. The pattern seemed set for 1990, when he secured a bout for the vacant WBC title. But Villasana made the fifth time his



"The Tiger" enjoyed this paws in the action

charm, stopping favored Paul Hodkinson in the eighth round.

Villasana is determined not to reenter the revolving door. Eight may be his lucky number, too. Once more the eighth round was a key round for him, as he stopped Mexican champion "Changa" Marquez at 1:56 in the La Calafia bullring before more than 5,000 disappointed fans.

"Marquez only gave me problems in the first two rounds; that was when he decided to run," said Villasana, 51-7-3 (45). "Without a doubt, I could see that his legs weren't going to be able to keep it up all fight, and soon he had to give it up. And when he eased up, I took it to him. There never is an easy fight, but this one didn't give me many significant problems."

Marquez, 39-8-4, seemed to have everything going for him, including the age factor (Villasana is 30 and has had 12 years of ring wars to weigh him down) and hometown support. Support even seemed to come from WBC President Jose Sulaiman, who is also president of the Federal District Boxing Commission (CBLDF), which oversees the Mexican titles; he didn't make Marquez give up the national crown, as champions usually must before trying for world titles.

But the champion had edges in conditioning, experience, and power. Since May, Villasana has been undergoing special physical conditioning under the guidance of Dr. Horacio Ramirez Mercado, who also happens to be chief physician for the CBLDF. (Favoritism among Mexican officials for fighters? How could you think such a thing?)

Marquez dominated the first two rounds by sticking and moving and not allowing the champion to catch him in one place. Executed over 12 rounds, such tactics would have earned the Mexicali fighter a world title. But Marquez, who earned $25,000, was cut on the left eyelid in the second, and although cornerman Abel Rojas did fine work controlling the wound, Marquez' gameplan oozed away with his blood.

By the fourth round, Villasana had taken command. Then, late in the seventh, he dropped Marquez with a left to the liver. When Villasana resumed his attack in the eighth, referee Richard Steele stepped in.

Judges Dick Young, Lou Filippo, and Chuck Hassett all had Villasana ahead by 68-64.

Villasana reportedly earned $110,000. He's supposed to give Hodkinson a mandatory rematch, but he may instead face another Briton, John Davison, on December 5 in London. There have also been negotiations for a unification or non-title showdown in Mexicali with fellow Mexican and IBF 126-pound ruler Jorge Paez. But it's unlikely that Paez will ever again see featherweight, and he seems disinterested in Villasana's challenge.
(9-30-90)

Bruce Williams

LUIS MENDOZA-RUBEN PALACIOS

MIAMI—When Colombians Mendoza and Palacios fought for the vacant WBA junior featherweight title in Mendoza's hometown of Cartagena in May, they battled to an unsatisfying draw. They were far from home for this fight, but that was hard to believe, as Colombian fans crammed the Miami Jai-Alai fronton, waving flags, blasting air horns, and screaming in support of their favorite.

The rematch didn't last long enough to become very exciting, as Mendoza captured the belt with a stunning third-round stoppage.

The fight started slowly. Mendoza, 120¼, used his five-inch reach advantage to keep the onrushing Palacios, 120¼, Medellin, at bay. The action picked up in the second, as Palacios began penetrating Mendoza's defense and worked effectively on the inside. All that changed in the third.

Mendoza was backed against the ropes in Palacios' corner when Palacios, 40-7-2, let go a lazy jab and cranked up a followup right. As Palacios was leaning in to land the punch, Mendoza fired an overhand right to Palacios' head and crumpled him. In terrible trouble, Palacios grabbed the ring ropes in an effort to regain his feet, but his right leg was pinned underneath him and he swung wildly. He finally got up, and referee Eddie Eckert let the fight continue. Mendoza, 27-2-2, pounced on his wounded quarry and smothered him with a two-fisted flurry of head shots that forced Eckert to step in at the 51-second mark.

No sooner had Eckert waved the fight over than members of the Colombian press swarmed into the ring and all over each other in a comical effort to be the first to interview the jubilant winner.

A distraught Palacios cried openly as he spoke with members of the Spanish press. He told *The Ring* that he

Palacios seems to be looking for his legs

thought he was fighting well until the knockdown punch, a punch he said he never saw.

Mendoza's manager, Billy Chams, said the knockout was not a surprise, but the timing of it was.

"We expected to knock him out, but we thought it would be later, in the seventh or eighth rounds," Chams said. "We know perfectly this man; he only fights one way, he never changes, and we knew how to fight him after the first fight."

In a scheduled 10-rounder, former WBC junior bantamweight champion Baby Sugar Rojas, 124, 34-3-1, Miami Beach via Barranquilla, Colombia, had an easy time against an overmatched Amos Cowart, 123¾, 9-9, Winter Haven, stopping him at 2:55 of the third. Rojas, the IBF's number-one ranked junior featherweight, is expected to next face IBF champion Welcome Ncita.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, world-ranked junior welterweight Rafael Pineda, 140¼, Colombia, battered a game Eddie Pollard, 137, Miami, over seven rounds before referee Bernie Soto halted the destruction at 51 seconds of the seventh frame. Pineda improved to 25-1; Pollard 20-11.

Frankie Glenn, 6-2, 160¼, Miami, displayed impressive power in dismantling Johnnie McClendon, 5-5-1, 156½, Opa-locka, and stopping him at 1:03 of the second; scheduled for four.

Anthony Salerno, 155¼, Miami Beach, scored his first win against two defeats with a TKO of Stedroy Bolus, 0-2, 150, Miami, at 1:02 of the second of a scheduled four-rounder.

Debuting Gilbert Mercado, 139, Miami, gained a four-round unanimous decision over Jerome Johnson, 0-2, 135¼, Miami Beach.

Promoters: Cedric Kushner Productions, Tiburon Promotions
(9-11-90)

Ken Knox

ROBERT QUIROGA-VUYANI NENE

PAGLIARI, ITALY—Quiroga made his first defense of the IBF junior bantamweight title, as he battered Nene, South Africa, with a devastating two-fisted attack that ended when the challenger was unable to get off his stool for the start of the fourth round.

The champion is 16-0 (11); Nene 27-2 (17).

Nicknamed "Pikin" as a 12-year-old amateur, Quiroga has lived up to the chili pepper's description as small and hot. He was certainly too hot for Nene to handle. After the first two minutes of the opening stanza, the outcome was no longer in doubt.

From left: Nene, promoter Kushner, and Quiroga

Nene had only been off his feet once before, but a blistering body attack, and combinations featuring as many as seven punches, sent the pride of the Eastern Cape to the canvas midway through the third round. As Nene shakily returned to his corner at the bell, it was obvious the bout couldn't go on much longer.

Quiroga, San Antonio, Texas, took the title from Juan Polo Perez in April.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner

Judges: Larry Hazzard Jr., Dave Parris, Benedetto Montella

Referee: Steve Smoger

IBF Supervisor: Jon Robinson
(10-6-90)

Dave Metzger

RAUL PEREZ-JOSE "PEPILLO" VALDEZ

CULIACAN, MEXICO—It's a common boast among boxers: "I'll fight him anytime, anyplace—even in his own backyard."

"Jibaro" Perez has been invited just about everywhere since winning the WBC bantamweight title in October 1988. From Chile to California he has survived every test, and from Asia to Europe the offers continue to pour in. His reputation has grown.

But Perez found one test he'd rather not repeat. Countryman Valdez held—literally—Perez to a draw in the La Sinaloense bullring before nearly 8,000 spectators. And, with the crowd highly pro-Valdez, including 3,000 fans from the challenger's nearby hometown of Guasave, Perez was lucky to leave town wearing his title belt.

"If he wants a rematch, I'll give it to him anywhere—except in Sinaloa [the Mexican state that includes Culiacan and Guasave]," a relieved Perez said after his sixth defense. The champion, 46-1-2 (30), added, "The draw was just. Pepillo should have tried to fight more, and not tie me up. I feel I won because I threw the most solid punches."

Valdez had a different view. "I respect the decision of the judges," said the number-one challenger, 36-3-1. "I am going to wait for another opportunity at the title, because I deserve it after this fight. I believe in justice, and hope the WBC soon concedes me another fight for the championship. Now I know Perez can't knock me out."

Referee Carlos Padilla had a busy evening, constantly stepping in to separate the combatants and warn them about hitting and holding or throwing low blows. The first few rounds were basically even, with southpaw Valdez landing numerous solid, short jabs, and the taller Perez scoring best when boxing and moving on the outside.

Perez dominated the middle rounds, piling up points by not letting Valdez catch him. At the end of the seventh, a frustrated Valdez did a full 360-degree spin as he missed with a wild right. Perez landed five straight jabs and a grazing right hook midway through the eighth round and seemed securely on

his way to victory.

But the 27-year-old Valdez refused to let up. He landed a left late in the eighth that got the crowd chanting "Pepillo." He had by far his best round in the ninth, working inside and finding the champion with lefts to the head. Perez connected with a combination late in the round, but Valdez shook it off and forced the champion to the ropes.

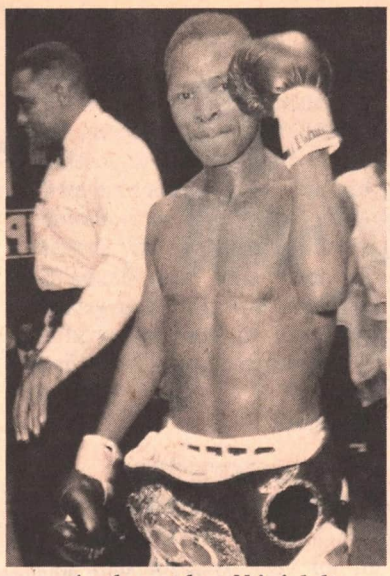
Whenever the two got down to fighting, the final three rounds were a seesaw war. Perez attacked the challenger's body and also scored with right uppercuts and overhand rights to the head. The challenger kept trying to tie up the 23-year-old champion before aiming combinations at his head.

The scoring of the three Mexican judges: Arsenio Garcia Bernal, 116-115 for Perez, Abraham Chavarria, a surprisingly lopsided 117-112 for Valdez, and Juan Jose Guerra, 114-114. *The Ring* had Perez a 115-114 winner.

"The referee allowed Valdez to continually hug me, so neither of us looked good," said Perez, who received $97,500 out of the winning purse bid of $129,500. "I don't know why he tried this tactic. We both lost on this occasion, because we didn't offer a better fight to the public."

Perez was considering offers to fight in Europe before the end of 1990. A jump into the 122-pound ranks is expected in 1991.
(9-14-90)

Bruce Williams



Another notch on Ncita's belt

WELCOME NCITA-GERARDO LOPEZ

AOSTA, ITALY—In the co-featured IBF junior featherweight 12-rounder on the double world title card here, Ncita, East London, South Africa, successfully defended the title with a kayo of Lopez, Panama. With quickness and punching power, Ncita took command early in the second round. He emphatically wrote the finish with a devastating overhand right that left Lopez senseless for several minutes after he was counted out five seconds before the end of round eight.

Pleased with the champion's performance, Ncita's American trainer, Luther Burgess, predicted superstar status for his charge. "Welcome is right now pound-for-pound the best in the ring today," he said.

The champion, who was strong with both hands as he darted in and out after a foray of accurate combinations, had a near-shutout on the cards. Ncita is 26-0 (14).

"After one minute into the opening round," he said, "I knew I had him, and that our planned strategy would work."

It was Ncita's second defense. He won the title from Fabrice Benichou in March.

Ncita's next opponent will likely be Freddy Cruz, 24-4 (6), Dominican Republic (now living in Genoa), who appeared on the program with an impressive eight-round decision over Azael Moran, Panama.

Jerry Ngobeni, 18-1 (13), made it three for three for the South Africans on this card when he upset former number-one junior lightweight contender Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tennessee. Ranked ninth by the IBF, Ngobeni figures to move up after outclassing his opponent throughout the match. The bout was halted in the eighth, after two punishing blows floored Beard.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner
IBF Supervisor: Jon Robinson
Referee: Sam Williams
Judges: Arthur Ellensohn, Donald O'Neill, Benedetto Montella
(9-29-90)

Dave Metzger

KHAOSAI GALAXY-YONG KANG KIM

SUPHAN BURI, THAILAND—Dynamite lefty Galaxy, 114½, Thailand, displayed his powerpunching, beat ex-WBC flyweight champion Kim, 113, Korea, to the punch, and scored a fine victory in the eighth round before some 30,000 spectators at Suphan Buri Provincial Stadium.

Kim, who had dethroned WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada in 1988, proved no match for the much stronger Galaxy. The challenger started well and landed sharp lefts and rights in the first session, but Kim failed to use his vaunted footwork. Galaxy kept his cool and occasionally smiled while blocking fast but powerless blows.

In round two, southpaw Galaxy threw a right hook, which made Kim lose his balance and slip down. John Coyle, the British referee, counted the mandatory eight. Kim, 25, gamely fought back in the third, but the difference in power was obvious. In order to overcome his inferior punch, the Korean tried to put his power behind his shoulders and head, as well as his punches, and the referee deducted a point for butting.

The fourth and fifth were dominated by the muscular-torsoed Thai. Galaxy pinned Kim against the ropes with a fusillade of punches. The end seemed a matter of time.

Round six saw Galaxy explode a vicious overhand left to the temple of the lanky Korean, who sat down and made no effort to pull himself up. There is no 115-pounder who can mix it up with Galaxy, 45-1 (40). It was his 13th knockout in 15 successful defenses. Kim dropped to 21-3 (9). The scoring at the time of the kayo: Ken Morita and Masakazu Uchida, 50-44 and 49-44, respectively, and Manny Pinol, 49-43, all for Galaxy.

Promoter: Niwat Laosuwanwat
WBA Supervisor: Alberto Sarmiento
(9-29-90)

Joe Koizumi

BRIAN MITCHELL-FRANKIE MITCHELL

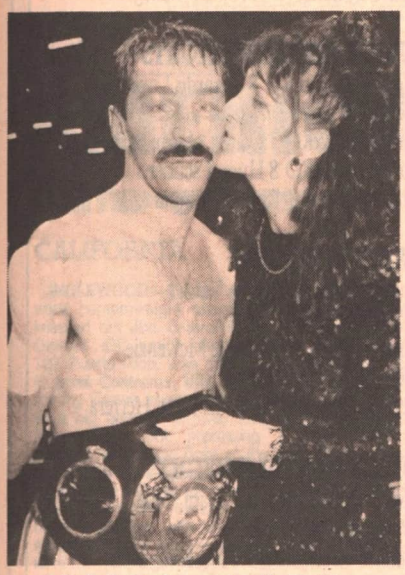
AOSTA, ITALY—Traditionally, South African world champions do not wear their crowns for very long. WBA junior lightweight champion Mitchell, however, has proven to be a rare exception. Since taking the title from Alfredo Layne in September 1986, the Johannesburg jolter has defied history while disposing of all challengers.

By scoring a 12-round decision over Mitchell in this Alpine city, Mitchell joined Tod Morgan as the record-holder for most successful defenses (11) in the 130-pound division. He now

rates second to WBA junior bantamweight champion Khaosai Galaxy for successful defenses (15) in the same weight class among current champions.

The South African came from behind to dominate the last four rounds and win by scores of 117-113, 116-113, and 116-113. With this win over a well-regarded opponent, who entered the ring with a record of 25-0 (10), the champion became marketable for a possible megabuck unification clash against IBF titlist Tony Lopez.

To minimize the challenger's four-inch reach advantage, Mitchell was successful in getting inside with blows to the body and short uppercuts to the head. But Frankie Mitchell withstood the pressure, and in free exchanges counterattacked with punishing left hooks that put him ahead at the midway point.



Mitchell clinches with wife Kathie

By the eighth round, the challenger seemed to be running out of gas, while his namesake was getting stronger. The champion responded to every blow with a more telling punch of his own. In the later rounds, the key was his ability to get under the challenger's jab and move inside.

"I've nothing further to prove by beating contenders," he said. "My only challenge now is against another world champion."

Promoter: Cedric Kushner

WBA Supervisor: Antonio Brandino

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(9-29-90)

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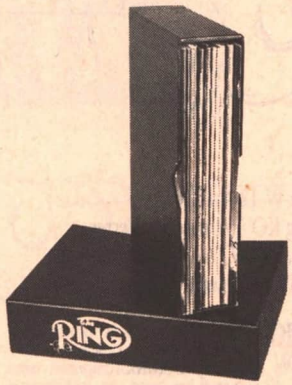

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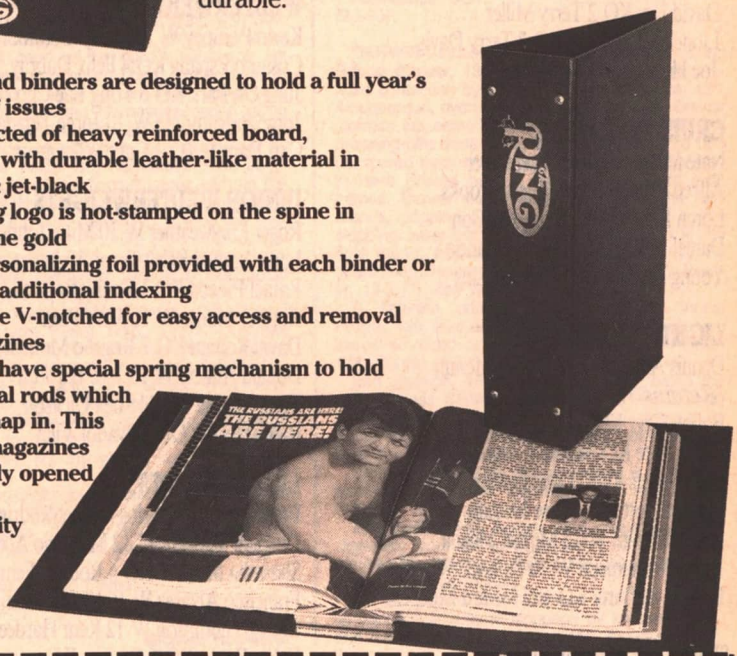

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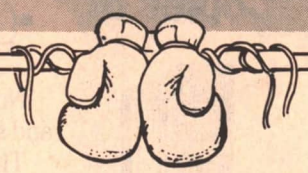

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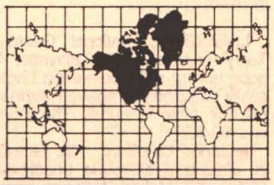

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—Former world bantamweight champion **Wilfredo Vasquez** knocked out **Joe Orewa** in the 12th round to win Orewa's IBC junior bantamweight title. Vasquez, 122, Puerto Rico, was coming off a first-round loss to Israel Contreras, and the win over the up-and-coming Orewa should put him right back on track for a big payday. Orewa, 122, Los Angeles, 18-5 (10), started out promising enough, catching Vasquez with a big right at the end of the second round. But the veteran took over in the fourth, catching the African with some dangerous punches.

By the middle rounds, the fight turned into a battle of attrition, with Vasquez, 28-6-2 (22), slowly edging the fight into his pocket. Orewa exposed a lot of his chin, and Vasquez made him pay in round 10. He followed up by hurting him again in the 11th and almost floored him.

After two knockdowns in the final round, the referee had no option but to stop the fight. *The Ring* had Vasquez clearly ahead.

Former Mexican bantamweight champion Fernie Morales, 118, El Paso, Texas, lived up to his advance billing when he easily disposed of Jose Luis Vega Gil, 119, Bell, over 10 uneventful rounds. The scoring: 98-93, 98-92, and 99-91. Morales, 27-3 (12), had no trouble containing the hard-punching but erratic Gil, who was coming off an upset win over Mike Phelps. The difference was Morales' class, experience, and talent. Vega Gil is 16-8 (11).

In an opening-round scrap in the Budweiser featherweight tournament, John Chavez moved forward with a fifth-round stoppage over Wilbert Vera, 12-5-1 (6). Chavez, 126, Azusa, is 9-1 (3).

Luis Hernandez, 126½, Redlands, decisioned Porfirio Guzman, 127, Mexico, over eight rounds.

Jose Castro, 135½, Mexico, kayoed Charles Hawkins, 132½, Phoenix, in three.

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 4,876
(9-10-90)

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—In a fight card decimated when the main event between Reggie Johnson and Wayne Powell had to be called off (Powell failed the state neurological exam), **Genaro Hernandez** continued to impress the locals. Hernandez, 131, Los Angeles, remained unbeaten at 21-0 (10) when he stopped the more experienced **Ben "Pit Bull" Lopez** at 2:06 of the sixth round in an entertaning scrap.

The opening round was a street fight, with both men swinging wildly, and Lopez giving the lanky Hernandez as good as he got. A damaging left hook from Hernandez halted Lopez in his tracks in the second round, and by the third, Lopez was running out of gas, and Hernandez began using him for target practice. The action slowed in the next two rounds, as both men took a breather by fighting on the inside. But Hernandez woke up in the sixth. A right almost floored Lopez early in the round, and as Hernandez began pounding away, referee Larry Rozadilla stepped in to stop the one-sided contest. Lopez, 132, 16-8 (11), Upland, certainly lost no credibility with his game performance. The highly rated Hernandez needs to step up in class to find just how good he is.

In the main support, Mike Phelps, 119, Galena Park, Texas, and Cesar Soto, 117½, Durango, Mexico, fought to a 10-round draw in the Forum bantamweight tournament. The scoring: 96-94 for Phelps, 96-94 for Soto, and 95-95. They were asked to come back in a month and fight a five-round fight to decide which would move ahead in the $225,000 tournament. The slick-boxing Phelps moved to 29-4-2 (7); the young, dangersous Soto 22-2-2 (19).

In a featherweight tournament preliminary bout, Jose Martinez, 124½, Hanford, easily outpointed Jorge Rodriguez, 125½, Bell, over eight dull rounds. Martinez is 14-4-1 (8); Rodriguez 13-23-3 (2).

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 5,462
(9-24-90)

Michael Hepworth

IRVINE—Marriot Hotel—**Ernie Chavez**, 147, Westminster, was declared the winner by TKO over **Mario Solorio**, 147, Oxnard. The doctor in attendance stopped the fight due to profuse bleeding from the nose of Solorio. Chavez was slightly ahead on points. Solorio confused the southpaw with his hit-and-clinch tactics during the early part of the fight. Chavez, 12-0, is supposed to next fight state welterweight champion Russell Mitchell. Chuck Hassett refereed.

Lauro Guerrio, 140, San Bernardino, won a close but unaminous decision over Wes "Prince" Bryant, 138, Los Angeles, in a five-rounder.

Vincent Black, 168, Los Angeles, kayoed Curtis Grove, 162, San Diego, in the first round. It was his first win as a pro.

Frances Vivish, 120, Tahiti, 3-0, decisioned Javier Torres, 121, Bell.

Attendance: 1,028
Promoter: Don Fraser
(9-28-90)

Paul Silverman

COLORADO

DENVER—Mammoth Events Center—**Mark Fernandez**, 133, Denver, avenged a 1988 loss to tough **Marino Ramirez**, 131, Patterson, by taking a unanimous decision over 10 heated rounds. Both men are southpaws, but Fernandez, 25-7-1 (13), primarily boxed orthodox, which allowed him to get off first throughout the bout. Ramirez, 11-7 (5), had his moments and was game, but Fernandez' slick movement and quicker hands dictated the tempo and made him the clear winner.

Roy Muniz, 129, Denver, banged out an impressive win over returning Tony Montoya, 126, Salt Lake City, over eight rounds. Montoya, 17-7-1 (5), lost most of the early rounds as Muniz, 12-8-1 (7), blasted the body and head with solid left hooks. Montoya turned it around in the middle frames, besting Muniz on the inside before slipping out of harm's way. The eighth saw Muniz knock Montoya backwards. He received a well-earned unanimous nod by scores of 78-76, 77-75, and 77-75.

Vinnie Ponzio, 121, Denver, knocked Deon Martinez, 120, Phoenix, all over the canvas before Martinez wised up and took the full 10 on one knee. Ponzio is 6-1-1 (4).

David Sanchez, 134, Leadville, 4-1-2 (2), roughed up Francisco Carrasco, 136, Farmington, and won a six-round unanimous nod.

Slippery Lyrant Warrior, 130, Albuquerque, 2-0, outfoxed Tito Tovar, 131, Denver, 1-1 (1), in a highly entertaining four-rounder. The split nod saw all votes cast at 39-37.

Marker Lucero, 160, Denver, 1-0, blitzed Lee Mascarenas, 156, Farmington, 3-10, with three first-round knockdowns for a stoppage at 2:59.

Promoter: Hank Caltabiano
Referees: Novar Garcia, Magarito Berzoza
Physician: Dr. Gentry Dunlop
Judges: Carlos Lando, Ed Walsh, John Ulibarri
Attendance: 507
(9-2-90)

DENVER—Indoor Sports Arena—Fast rising **Bobby Brewer**, 134, Aurora, took another step toward contention by besting **Tommy Cordova**, 135, Albuquerque, over eight tumultuous rounds. Brewer stormed out early, rocking Cordova in the first and dropping him twice in the second. Cordova, 22-12-3 (9), roared back with a body assault and appeared to have Brewer hurt in both the third and sixth frames. Brewer wisely used the ring in the final rounds, popping Cordova with lead rights before stepping away from trouble. Cordova rallied in the final round, but the scoring saw Brewer as the unanimous choice (77-73, 78-76, and 76-75). Brewer, 12-3 (7), has won five in a row.

A first-rate undercard saw Denver's Vinnie Ponzio, 129, take an inside track in winning a unanimous six-round nod over the taller Vidal Padilla, 134. Ponzio is 7-1-1 (4); Padilla, 6-8-1.

Earl Jackson, 153, Denver, 5-0-1 (4), broke the spirit of Luis Santiesteban, El Paso, with a half-dozen cannon shots to the Texan's stomach in round three and Santiesteban, 156, could not answer for the fourth and final frame.

Danny Perez, 162, Albuquerque, 6-1, won a clear-cut unanimous decision over tough Jose Cateneo, 158½, El Paso.

Billy Burden, 142, Aurora, 2-0-1, fought back courageously from an early pounding to win a split verdict over Tommy Gallegos, 140, Albuquerque, in four sensational rounds.

Marker Lucero, 155, Denver, won his second consecutive first-round stoppage by knocking down and busting up Roland Baker, 152, Albuquerque, 3-3.

Promoter: Andy Lee
Referees: Novar Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Magarito Berzoza
Judges: Carlos Lando, Ed Walsh, John Uliberri
Physician: Dr. Gentry Dunlop
Attendance: 250 (estimated)
(9-21-90)

Ed Walsh

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Coolidge High School Fieldhouse—In the throes of a stutter-start career, localite **Keely Thompson**, 135, finally got out of the shadow as an also-ran and won an exciting 10-round split decision over dangerous veteran **Kent Hardee**, 133, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The flashy but mercurial Thompson started as expected, outclassing the unspectacular, but relentless Carolinian. But after a couple of rounds, Hardee's non-stop body attack began to reach Thompson, and he soon took on the look of a wilting daisy. Hardee continued the body attack into the seventh, when Thompson somehow caught a second wind.

On his way to losing the seventh, Thompson suddenly caught a lunging Hardee with a right counter and then dropped him with a crackling left hook. Hardee arose just as the bell sounded. The next few rounds saw furious action, as Hardee battled back gamely, while a rejuvenated Thompson tried to set him up for the kayo with pinpoint, head-snapping combinations. Nevertheless, Norvel Lee turned in an unschooled 115-114 for Hardee, but Paul Artist and Karl Milligan were on the mark, both

scoring 116-112 for Thompson. Frank Kelly refereed.

Local prospect Darrell Coley, 147, TKO'd "Che" Lara, 142½, Newport News, at 1:20 of the second. Sylvester Stevens refereed.

In a battle of local light heavyweights, Dexter Mason, 174, floored Calvin Simon, 174½, in the third of a wild six, but was thoroughly exhausted at the end and lucky to gain a split verdict. Referee: Marshall Cunningham.

Luke Cooper, 142, Hagerstown, Maryland, won a majority decision over localite Elwyn Kemp, 144, in a close, hard-fought four. Referee: Cunningham.

Localite Vincent Thompson, 139½, battered switch-hitting Rodney Coles, 139, Newport News, for a unanimous win in a lively four. Referee: Milligan.

Southpaw Sylvester Tibbs, 160, Washington, D.C., charged out ambitiously and floored fellow townsman Andre Hill, 157, with a crackling left. But after that, the action fizzled, as neither seemed to know what to do for an encore. Tibbs remained in control enough to win a unanimous verdict in four. Referee: Cunningham.

Localite David "Rock" Izeqwire, 180, TKO'd Thomas Lays, 178, Newport News, at 2:20 of the third round. Referee: Milligan.

Promoter: Tyrone Johnson (Madness Connection)
Matchmaker: Cleveland Burgess
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(9-8-90)

J.R. Jowett

FLORIDA

MIAMI—Jai Alai—World-ranked junior middleweight **Glenn "The Big Bad" Wolfe**, 160, Miami, did little more than keep busy as he registered a premature, albeit inevitable, TKO of **David Davis**, 156, Chicago, at 1:48 of the second round; scheduled for 10. The first round saw Davis , 17-4-1, constantly moving around Wolfe. The Floridian chose to remain in the middle of the ring and measure his opponent, and began to find the range near the end of the round.

Wolfe opened the second frame with an effective jab, followed by stiff rights and stinging left hooks. A left-right combination sent a stunned Davis into the ropes. Wolfe charged after him, peppering him with shots from both hands until referee Armando Garcia stepped in. Wolfe, 26-1-1 (24), is supposed to be in line for a mandatory title shot against IBF champion Gianfranco Rosi. No date has been set.

In the co-main event, Uriah Grant pounded rusty South African Sakkie Horn, 174, 32-7-1, over eight rounds to retain the IBF Intercontinental light heavyweight title. Grant, 174, 19-7 (17), Miami, had no trouble finding Horn throughout, but he couldn't put him down until seconds before referee Mike Boggs stopped the fight at 2:13 of the eighth.

Grant admitted that he went "a little wild with the right," but denied being frustrated by his inability to end the fight sooner. "I don't think I looked as good as I really wanted, but I wasn't frustrated. I was trying to pace myself."

Eddie Pollard, 137, Miami, trounced an out-of-shape Jesse Williams, 143, Orlando, to gain an easy eight-round unanimous decision. Williams, who had won the Florida lightweight title in an upset one month earlier, took the fight on three days notice and later admitted that was a mistake. Williams, 17-7-1, didn't win a round, and Pollard, 19-10, dropped him three times.

A quintet of scheduled four-rounders filled out the card.

Hudson Jean-Claude, 151, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Anthony Salerno, 153, Miami Beach. Jean-Claude is 2-1; Salerno 0-2.

John Burney, 181, Miami, pummelled an exhausted Tommy Muccigrosso, 177, North Lauderdale, and stopped him at 48 seconds of the second round. Burney is 10-4-1; Muccigrosso 3-1.

Jeff Schuyler, 142, Miami, 3-2, overcame a first-round knockdown to gain a unanimous decision over Jack Pierre, Miami, 0-2.

Frankie Glenn, Miami, 5-2, won a split decision over Clinton Mack, 156, Miami, 5-6-2.

Promoter: Tiburon Promotions
(7-30-90)

JACKSONVILLE—Marina at St. Johns Place—**Troy Darrell**, 166¼, Miami, stopped **Tyrone Rackley**, 163, Port Wentworth, Georgia, at 2:16 of the fourth; scheduled for eight. Darrell improved to 23-2; Rackley 28-8-2.

Jay Bell, 157½, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 12-1-1, knocked out comebacking former contender Tommy Ayers, 156¼, Cincinnati, Ohio, 38-4, at 1:40 of the third; scheduled for eight.

Halken Brock, 230, Sunrise via Sweden, kayoed Alger Williams, 242, Memphis, at 2:04 of the second; scheduled for six. Brock is 9-1; Williams 1-5.

Clinton Mack, 155¼, Miami, gained a split decision over Dick Curry, 165, Miami, over four rounds. Mack is 6-6-2; Curry 4-6.

Scott Ashley, 151½, Miami, remained unbeaten at 3-0 with a four-round split decision over Michael Sapp, 155¼, Miami.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions (Phil Myers)
(8-10-90)

TAMPA—Hyatt Regency—Undefeated cruiserweight **Phillip Jackson**, 193¼, Miami, had some difficulty with rugged **Bobby Collins**, 186, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before stopping him at 2:04 of the eighth round; scheduled for 10. Jackson, 16-0 (14), has scored 13 consecutive knockouts. Collins is 14-4.

Adolpho Washington, 180, Miami, 10-0-1, won a six-round unanimous decision over Kenneth Bentley, 183, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4-2.

The remaining bouts were all four-rounders.

Mark Smith, 9-0, 131¼, Chattanooga, won a unanimous decision over George Kellman, 1-3, 133½, Miami.

Michael Harris, 7-0, 194, St. Petersburg, gained a unanimous decision over Michael Kemp, 1-2, 210, Miami.

Glenn Major, 1-1, 153½, Ft. Pierce, won a unanimous decision over Gerald Coleman, 6-1, 154½, Tampa.

Derrick Wilson, 5-0, 153¾, Miami, stopped Scott Vance, 4-1, 158, Kingsport, Tennessee, at 2:47 of the first.

Melvin Lewis, 4-0, 129, Miami, won a unanimous decision over debuting Jerome Johnson, 134¾, Miami Beach.

Debuting Prescott Gray, 135¼, Boynton Beach, TKO'd Billy Outley, 2-5, 141½, Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:53 of the third.

John Coward, 2-0, 144, Ft. Lauderdale, stopped Tim Moore, 0-2, 151, Nashville, at 2:33 of the first.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
(8-28-90)

DAYTONA BEACH—Marriott Hotel—**Henry Tillman**, 220, Diamond Bar, California, rebounded from his destruction at the hands of Mike Tyson with an easy 10-round unanimous decision over perennial opponent **Danny Lee Blake**, 211, Milwaukee. All three judges scored 99-91. Tillman is 21-5; Blake 10-27-3. Blake, who often gets the call when a fighter needs a win to repair his record, has also lost to J.B. Williamson, Jeff Lampkin, Frankie Minton, Art Jimmerson, Jeff McCracken, and Slobodan Kacar, among others.

Ben Klingenstein, 6-1, 145, Homasassa Springs, knocked out Elie Cayard, 142, Miami, at 1:21 of the first; scheduled for six.

Brian Thomas, 156¼, Detroit, 2-1-1, scored a six-round unanimous decision over Michael Sapp, 154, Miami.

A quintet of four-rounders completed the card.

Ron Mims, 169¾, Tampa, 4-0, won by unanimous decision over Bob Caneus, 170½, Orlando.

Darryl Dawson, 4-0, 115¾, Tampa, took a majority decision over Rickie Anthony, 1-4, 121, Orlando.

Debuting Alec Rhodes, 162, Tampa, knocked out Wally Smith, 161½, Miami, at 2:51 of the third.

Agustin Silva, 2-2-1, 134, Puerto Rico, stopped George Vera Jr., 1-4, 128½, Holiday, at 2:24 of the first.

Promoter: Boxing Challenge Productions
(8-30-90)

HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium—World-ranked junior welterweight **Angel Hernandez**, 142, Puerto Rico, had no trouble stopping the well-traveled **Rosenberg Rosas**, 144, Los Angeles, at 2:04 of the third in a scheduled 10-rounder. Hernandez, 36-0-2, is ranked third by the WBC and fifth by the WBA. Rosas is 23-14.

Alex Perez, 128, Miami, 6-0, stopped Dean Baldwin, 2-2-1, 132, Dade City, at 1:38 of the first.

Jose Solis, 127, Hialeah, 3-2-1, won by disqualification at 2:55 of the fourth round as referee Eddie Eckert DQ'ed Mario Agustine, 127, Miami, 15-8, for hitting and holding, and intentionally spitting out his mouthpiece.

John Coward, 148, Ft. Lauderdale, 3-0, stopped Richard Smith, 153, Miami, 0-3, at 1:59 of the second.

Debuting Harry Spisak, 173, Homestead, garnered a four-round majority decision over David Butler, 181, Miami, 2-4-4.

Russell Watson, 233, Miami, 5-1, won a four-round unanimous decision over Vincent White, 240, Miami, 0-1-1.

Promoter: Uppercut Promotions
(8-31-90)

Ken Knox

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood Club—In a crowd-pleasing bout, **Craig "Golden Boy" Houk**, 148, Greensburg, and **Rocky Vires**, 151, Tulsa, Oklahoma, went all-out for 10 rounds. Houk, 19-1, dropped Vires in the fifth and 10th rounds en route to a 10-round unanimous decision. The scores: 99-89, 97-92, and 100-88.

Kenneth Kidd, 148, Jackson, Tennessee, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Rico Hernandez, 145, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Mike Orr, 139, Indianapolis, decisioned Reggie Strickland, 148, Cincinnati, Ohio, in four.

Localite Willie Jake, 178, kayoed Robert Raglin, 182, Cincinnati, at 1:55 of the opening round.

Reuben Ruiz, 168, Indianapolis, won a majority four-round decision over Billy Preston, 168, Oklahoma City.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: George DeFabis, Gary Guiden
Judges: Fred Jones, John Caldwell, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-18-90)

LAFAYETTE—National Guard Armory—Rangy **Terry Thomas**, 149, Lafayette, 17-0-1, displayed good boxing skills before his hometown fans while easily outpointing **Keheven Johnson**, 152, Oklahoma City, over 10 rounds. The scores: 100-90 (twice) and 99-92.

Shannon Landberg, 162, Lafayette, looked good in winning a six-round unanimous nod over Bill Pryor, 163, Mobile, Alabama.

Dino Stewart, 176, Muncie, pounded out a four-round decision against David Robinson, 175, Oklahoma City.

In his pro debut, Terry Christian, 136, Lafayette, kayoed Ray Harris, 135, Oklahoma City, at 1:30 of the second stanza.

Rad Brewer, 260, Frankfort, decisioned Tim Morrison, 225, Jay, Oklahoma, in four.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: George DeFabis, Gary Guiden
Judges: Fred Jones, Lance Rhodes, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-15-90)

ELKHART—Brook Dale Center—**Norman "Psycho" Bates**, 142, Elkhart, kayoed **Tim Bonds**, 140, Oklahoma City, at 46 seconds of the third round.

Mike Taylor, 157, Elkhart, decisioned Reggie Strickland, 154, Cincinnati, Ohio, in a four-round contest.

Shawn Clarkson, 178, kayoed Billy Preston, 172, Oklahoma City, at 40 seconds of the second.

Kim Jackson, 133, Elkhart, won a six-round decision over Vernon Garrett, 138, Oklahoma City.

Brian Young, 156, Elkhart, decisioned Richie Lee Roberts, 160, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in six bloody rounds.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Fred Berns
Referees: Sean Curtin, Pete Podgorski
Judges: Fred Jones, Monte Cox, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 425 (estimated)
(9-20-90)

Gary L. Merrit

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Teamsters Hall Local 557—Taking the fight on just two days notice, **Fabian Garcia**, 169¼, Rockville, 4-4, TKO'd **Jake "The Snake" Smith**, 176¼, Baltimore, 4-1-1, at 2:40 of the sixth and final round. Garcia, quicker to the punch, knocked Smith down with an overhand right in the third. By the fourth, Smith's movement had stopped, and Garcia's right found its mark again in round six. That's when referee Terry Moore stopped the bout.

"I was in shape to go six," said Garcia. "I had beaten this opponent once before, so I just had to try and box him smart."

Ivory "Tip Top T" Teague, 165, Washington, D.C., 4-4, handed Cecil "The Persuader" Sims, 166½, Baltimore, his first loss in earning a six-round unanimous decision. No clean punches were landed by either of the tall, lanky fighters, as they both looked dizzy from their constant circular motion. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Overpowering his opponent in the corner with a flurry of combinations, Reginald Little, 147½, 2-0,

Hillcrest Heights, stopped debuting "Rockin" Roland Jones, 148, Aberdeen, at 2:11 of the second round. Referee Larry Barrett mercifully called off the one-sided affair.

Going into the fourth and final round and needing a knockout, Pablo Obregon, 130, Washington, D.C., landed a straight right and stopped Paul "Termite" Hagan, 123, Annapolis, at 1:54 of round four. Both were making their pro debuts. Referee: Milligan.

Alton Rice, 160, Washington, D.C., looked impressive in making his debut a victorious one by winning a four-round unanimous decision over "Terrific" Terrell Harris, 162, Pittsburgh, 4-3. Referee: Ray Klingmayer.

Marion "Jackhammer" Wilson, 196, Hillcrest Heights, 2-0-1, TKO'd "Mighty" Moe Gray, 193, Hillcrest Heights, who was making his debut. The end came at 2:39 of round three, when Wilson scored with a left to the body, followed by a right. Gray rose but was unable to continue, and Milton Greene waved it off.

Promoter: Round One Promotions, Vicki Savaleski

Matchmaker: Josh Hall

Announcer: Tony Baldoni

Judges: Ray Klingmayer, Terry Moore, Milton Greene, Larry Barrett, Karl Milligan

Attendance: 400 (estimated)

(9-6-90)

Fred Blumstein

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—The Palace—Local Kronk favorite **Oba Carr**, 10-0, had little trouble en route to a fourth-round kayo over **Vercell Curry**, 5-7-1, Beckley, West Virginia; junior welterweights. Carr had Curry down in the third, and finished him off at 1:38 of the fourth with a patented left hook followed by a combo to the body.

Heavyweight Leonzer Barber, 8-1, stopped Vineland, New Jersey's Billy Saunders, 9-9-3, with a big right at 1:21 of the seventh stanza.

Former kickboxer Sam Kas-Mikha, Warren, won his debut with a split four-round decision over Lee Huertas, 1-1, Cleveland, Ohio.

Junior welterweight Tim Dendy, Jackson, Tennessee, took a unanimous six-round decision over Kevin Whaley-El, 4-5, Highland Park.

Promoter: Bill Kozerski

(9-27-90)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—Pioneer Hall—For the first time in 30 years, a champion participated in a non-title fight in Minnesota. WBA welterweight titleholder **Aaron Davis**, 148¾, New York City, stopped **Billy Durbin**, Evansville, Indiana, in the eighth round. Durbin did not display much aggression, as it appeared that his main purpose was to go the 10 rounds. Going into the eighth, Davis, 31-0 (19), had won every round. He finally caught the elusive Durbin on the ropes, where he nailed him with a mighty uppercut. As Durbin stumbled to his left, a flurry of punches put him down in the corner. Referee Denny Nelson jumped in and halted the uneven contest at 2:53 of the eighth. Durbin fell to 12-4-1 (9).

In a companion 10-rounder, world-rated Ricardo Cepeda, 126½, New York, 18-0-1 (14), won a tough but unanimous decision over Albert Rendon, 127¾, San Antonio, 10-5-0 (5).

Johnny LeGarde, 149¾, Duluth, 6-1-0-1 (3), scored a fifth-round stoppage of Tom More, 154¾, Evansville, Indiana.

Hot Kronk prospect Oba Carr, 140¼, Detroit, stopped Martinez Cruz, 141½, Mexico, in the fourth.

Roderick Moore, 141¾, Detroit easily stopped Billy Outley, 143, Kansas City, in two.

James Lee Smith, 218, Minneapolis, 5-0 (5), halted the oft-beaten Joey Adams, 220, Memphis, in the third.

Denny LeGarde, 154, Duluth, 2-0 (2), stopped pro-debuting John Walton, 155, Kansas City, in two rounds.

Another hot prospect, Kevin Kelley, 126, New York, looked very good disposing of Cruz Seldana, 129, Mexico, in the first.

Promoter: Peter Noruk

Matchmakers: Peyton Sher, Bobby Goodman

Referees/Judges: Denny Nelson, Leroy Benson, Jerry LaGarde, Jerry LeGarde Jr.

Attendance: 2,800 (estimated)

(9-13-90)

MINNEAPOLIS—Hyatt Regency Hotel—This clubshow had several last-minute replacements when three boxers from St. Louis didn't make it, reducing the show from five to four bouts. The main event did come off as planned, however, and it turned out to be a mismatch, as **Young Joe Louis**, Minneapolis, 32-9-1 (19), had little trouble knocking out **Tom Lins**, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, 11-5 (7), at 1:58 of the third round.

Heavyweight James Lee Smith, Minneapolis, 6-0 (4), won a unanimous six-round decision over substitute Horace Craft, Cudahy, Wisconsin, 2-3 (0).

Junior welterweight Cortez Box, Minneapolis, 3-0 (3), stopped substitute Albert Grady, Milwaukee, 0-8 (0), in the second round.

Minneapolis middleweight Thomas Jones, 2-0 (2), stopped Milwaukee light heavyweight Ed Kowalski, 0-3 (0), in the second round.

Undefeated Coon Rapids junior welterweight Richie Albrecht, 10-0, was to appear on the show, but was left without an opponent.

Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)

(9-19-90)

George D. Blair

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—Henry VIII Hotel—Youngster **Carl "The Squirrel" Daniels**, 19-0 (14), won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Jake Torrence**, 17-35-1, Gary, Indiana. Daniels hurt his left hand in the sixth round and his right in the seventh, but still had no trouble. The scores: 100-90 (twice) and 100-87.

"The fight was tough inside," Daniels said afterward. "It was necessary for me to go 10 rounds; this will help me in the future. I've had problems with my hands before; I should still be able to come back real soon." (Daniels did just that, fighting 20 days later on the Marlon Starling-Maurice Blocker undercard.)

Harold Petty, 33-6, St. Louis, returned to action after a two-year layoff and found himself in a rematch with the last man he had faced, Sonny Long, Cincinnati, 10-23-2. The rust showed on the former world-class bantamweight contender, but Petty still won a unanimous decision in the eight-round featherweight contest. The scores: 77-76, 79-74, 79-73, as Petty reprised his 1988 decision win. He still has a good defense, but little offense.

Paul Carlo, St. Louis, 6-0 (5), won a four-round unanimous decision over Sylvester White, Slidell, Mississippi, 7-7-1; light heavyweights. The scores: 40-36 (twice) and 40-38. Carlo dedicated the fight to his friend, Leon Calvin—the son of Leon Spinks—who had been murdered eight days earlier.

Paul McPeek, 19-2, Ashland, Kentucky, scored a fourth-round TKO over Eddie Barnett, Slidell, Mississippi; light heavyweights.

Freddy "Hard Rock" Norwood, 6-0, St. Louis, scored a second-round TKO over Tommy Cannette, 10-7-1, Biloxi, Mississippi; featherweights.

Anthony Willis, 1-0, St. Louis, TKO'd David Vaughn, 0-2, Van Cleef, Mississippi, in the first round; light heavyweights. Willis scored three knockdowns with his left.

In a heavyweight exhibition, Butch Wilkerson, St. Louis, kayoed Jeff May, Cincinnati, at 1:36 of the second. Wilkerson downed May twice in the first and once in the second.

Promoter: Gateway Boxing Promotions

Attendance: 885

(7-30-90)

Brent Williams

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Hotel—**Michael Carbajal** and **Johnny Tapia** registered equally sharp but contrasting victories, as Top Rank showcased the mighty mights who might wind up fighting each other sometime in 1991.

IBF light flyweight champion Carbajal, 109, Phoenix, Arizona, stopped a game but mismatched **Oscar Calzada**, 107, Juarez, Mexico, at 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

In a cool, calculating effort, Carbajal improved to 16-0 (10), while Calzada, 21, making his second start outside Mexico, dipped to 12-2 (7).

Calzada wasn't in awe of the IBF champion, but his looping punches were blunted by his own wildness and Carbajal's punishing counters.

Carbajal began to shake his man in the second, and set up the finish in the third, when he dropped Calzada with a left hook to the jaw. When he rose, the Mexican ran into Carbajal's heavy assault. Then Calzada lost his mouthpiece, and Padilla wisely stopped it.

"Calzada wasn't aggressive until I put the pressure on in the second round; the triple left hook to

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the liver, that was the beginning of the end," Carbajal said.

Tapia, 114, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 20-0-1 (13), gave a clinic against a small but aggressive **Luigi Camputaro**, 113, Hartford, Connecticut, to retain the USBA super flyweight title via unanimous 12-round decision in his third defense this year.

The Italian-born Camputaro, 24, who had never fought west of the Mississippi, begrudingly fell to 18-5 (6), against a slick rival who dominated throughout.

There were no knockdowns, but Camputaro picked up a cut over his left eye in the sixth round, and his right eye began to swell starting in round eight. Tapia scored with double and triple hooks to the head and body, as well as head-snapping uppercuts when the frustrated Camputaro tried to work inside.

Trainer Paul Chavez was only displeased that Tapia sometimes "carried his left too low and caught the other guy's wild rights on the side of the head."

"I'd love to fight Carbajal," Tapia said, "if he came up to 112 and I came down to 113, and that wouldn't be easy for me. I'm not going to wait for Carbajal, especially if Bob Arum is able to get me a January shot at Robert Quiroga's [IBF super flyweight] title."

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Kelcie Banks, 135, Las Vegas, improved to 14-1 (10), when Rodney Wilson, 134½, Chicago, 9-1-2 (4), was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round.

Scotty "Toy Bulldog" Olson, 113, Las Vegas, 7-0 (5), swarmed all over Eleazar Bravo, 111, El Centro, California, 6-3 (3), and scored a second-round TKO when the latter suffered a fractured jaw and was unable to continue.

Perhaps the biggest gunner in town, Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, never let Humberto Gonzales, 119, El Centro, California, 10-3 (5), get untracked in scoring his ninth straight kayo at 1:23 of the first round.

Abner Barajas, 112, Phoenix, 13-4 (6), won a dull but unanimous six-round decision over Ignacio Aguilar, 112, El Centro, California, 6-4 (2).

Attendance: 2,084
(9-20-90)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina—After a few serious losses had him nearly written off, **Tony Thornton**, 163, Glassboro, demolished **Karama Leota**, 163, Salt Lake City, 39 seconds into the second round, scheduled for 10. Leota, coming off a serious eye injury that had sidelined him for nearly a year, had never fought outside of the comfy environs of the West Coast.

A crunching right wobbled Leota before he had time to get started, and the fight was as good as over. Thornton, 25-4-1 (20), now trained by Wesley Mouzon, coolly took his time setting up, then unleashed a body attack and a right to the head that dropped Leota, 23-2 (14). A furious exchange dropped Leota again with more than two minutes left in the round. Pinned against the ropes, Leota barely survived a blast furnace of action by gamely trading back.

When Leota's left eye was severely cut in the first exchange, it must have dimmed the last hope. A right uppercut sent him to the canvas shortly after, and his posture seemed to convey the message that he'd had enough. Referee Joe Cortez stopped it without bothering to count.

Though a rugged, punishing bout, the co-feature didn't produce the expected fireworks, as Vinnie Burgese, 140, Philadelphia, won a deserved 10-round majority decision over Frankie D'Orio, 139, Somerville, Massachusetts. Al DeVito had it 95-95, but John Poturaj and Jean Williams voted correctly for Burgese, 97-94 and 97-93, respectively. Referee: Randy Neumann.

William "The Hammer" Jones, 149½, Philadelphia, TKO'd An-Nuur Green, 150, Washington, D.C., who didn't come out for the third. Referee: Neumann.

Jimmy DeOria, 131½, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, got all he wanted, but still battered a game Donnie Archer, 129½, Clementon, for a unanimous win in an action-packed four. Referee: Cortez.

Sean Hart, 175, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, came from behind to gain a unanimous draw with Joseph Spears III, 170, Chester, Pennsylvania, in a timid four. Referee: Cortez.

Southpaw Terry Roberts, 200, Absecon, kayoed Alonzo Hollis, 192½, Philadelphia, at 2:21 of the second. Referee: Neumann.

Promoter/Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 1,100
TV: SportsChannel America
(8-27-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK

LOCH SHELDRANE—New Brown's Resort Hotel—In the first of two New York state title bouts, **Donald Allison**, 140, Georgetown, Guyana, via New York City, had to struggle to retain the junior welterweight crown with an unpopular majority 10-round verdict over intrepid Venezuelan **Jose "The Barbarian" Barboza**, 139, Corona, New York. A decided underdog, Barboza sleepwalked through the early rounds, as if only in for the payday. But by the fourth, he seemed to wake up to the idea that he could beat Allison, and began fighting with purpose. Allison had his hands full the rest of the way, as fans rallied behind the surging underdog, but unfortunately for Barboza, he had already given away his margin of defeat.

By the seventh, Allison resorted to switch-hitting in an effort to contain the free-swinging charges of the challenger. The champion's short, less visible counters proved enough to hold on to a tenuous command, though not in the eyes of the fans. They booed vigorously when Allison retained the title by scores of 96-93 (George DeGabriel), a lopsided 98-92 (Wayne Rosen), and 95-95 (Tony Castellano). Luis Rivera refereed.

In the other title bout, **Kevin Marston** defended the junior lightweight crown in real championship style. Marston, 127½, Queens, TKO'd **Roberto Nunez**, 130, San Juan, at 2:13 of the seventh round. Nunez was battered and bleeding from the nose in the first, and he took a standing-eight in the second. But Marston got too loose trying to finish the job, and suddenly found himself on the canvas from a desperation counter left hook.

The challenger nearly turned it around, as he battered Marston into a standing-eight with a body assault, but by the next round, Nunez was showing signs of wilting under the pace. Still, he hung in gamely into the seventh, as Marston took firm command in punishing action. The challenger was forced into a do-or-die shootout, and both missed payoff punches before the southpaw champion connected with a wicked left cross that all but beheaded the hapless Nunez. Sammy Viruet immediatley stopped it.

Willie Douglas, 159½, Bayshore, stopped John Kenny, 161, Brooklyn, at 2:38 of the first, scheduled for four. Referee: Rivera.

Peter O'Neil, 147, Queens, was lucky to get a split decision over Willie Robinson, 145, Philadelphia, in a wild and spirited four.

A far worse miscarriage, however, was the awarding of Mark Simmons, 154½, Queens, a split decision over Jose Sanchez, 152, New York City, four. Simmons suffered a flash knockdown in the first, then was consistently outfought by the southpaw in lively trading. But Simmons posed well and looked pretty, and that was enough to gain the votes of DeGabriel and Rosen by 39-38. Castellano disagreed at 39-36. Referee: Viruet.

John Spiroa, 177, Athens, Greece, via Astoria, handed a solid drubbing to Ricky Ewing, 178, Brooklyn, four. Ewing was down in the first, took a standing-eight in the third, and was dropped again in the fourth, losing a unanimous decision. Referee: Rivera.

Promoters: Charles Rapp, Cary Alex (Stillman's Gym, Inc.)
Matchmaker: Ron Scott Stevens
Attendance: 125 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel New York
(9-14-90)

J.R. Jowett

OHIO

AKRON—Cascade Holiday Inn—**James "Hook" Williamson**, 172, Akron, 11-3 (6), gave a boxing lesson to **Donnell Wingfield**, 178, Cleveland, 20-3 (10), en route to a unanimous 10-round decision. All three judges scored 96-94.

Carl Griffith, 140, Lorain, pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over Jerry Massey, 139, Cincinnati, 5-14-1 (4). Griffith, 15-1-1 (6), worked hard.

Slick Sam Gervins, 146, Columbus, displayed a wild assortment of punches in his unanimous six-round decision over Mike Hanks, 147, Cleveland. Gervins, 14-35 (4), landed at will but never seriously hurt the tough Hanks, 3-3-1.

Dave Cueni Jr., 182, Akron, received a controversial four-round split decision over Chris Doolittle, 183, Akron. Doolittle suffered a flash knockdown in the first round but came back to repeatedly rock Cueni with booming left hooks during the remainder of the bout.

Roy Caldwell, 140, Urichsville, outfought Lee Hufnagel, 140, Youngstown, to earn a unanimous four-round decision.

Six-foot-eight Tyrone Evans, 265, Kent, scored two knockdowns en route to a second-round TKO over Paul Ford, 200, Columbus.

Promoter: Dave Cueni
Matchmaker: Larry Weiser
Attendance: 350 (estimated)
(9-28-90)

Eric Gliebe

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELIPHIA—Blue Horizon—The Joe Frazier team returned to promoting, packing the arena with an exciting show and a main event that exemplified Philly boxing. **Tyrone Frazier** and **Steve Little** were to have met for the vacant Pennsysylvania state super middleweight title, but Frazier, coming off his loss to Virgil Hill, failed to make weight. The commission declared Little the champion, with the fight going on as a non-title affair.

Little, 168, came out rumbling. Frazier, 176, who appeared to be not just defeated, but vanquished, began to fight back out of sheer necessity in the fourth. But closing an action-packed fifth, Frazier landed a left hook that left Little hurt as he went to his corner.

Coming out for the sixth, Little changed tactics, electing to run, box, and counter for the remainder of the fight. Little's in-and-out countering enabled him to hold his own, and may have been enough to win in another venue, but it served as a white flag at the Blue Horizon.

Frazier wasn't sharp, but he was relentless, as he went after Little and landed enough punches to impress the judges. Guy Richardson scored for Little, 47-45, but Adelaide Tyndale and Mike Seidman had Frazier by 47-43 and 48-45, respectively. *The Ring* scored for Frazier, 46-45. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

In a long-awaited pairing, on-again, off-again Joey "Bugsy" Ferrell, 150, Philadelphia, turned in the performance of his career with a lopsided eight-round unanimous verdict over popular Brain McGinley, 150, Fishtown. Bugsy managed eight rounds of constant movement to completely befuddle the flat-footed slugger. McGinley tried his utmost and never stopped coming, but constantly struggled through his tormentor's punches, only to find Ferrell no longer there. There was constant fighting after the bell. The bloodied McGinley visited the floor, largely from fatigue, in the sixth. Seidman voted 37-34, Tyndale 38-32, and Richardson 39-31. Referee: Hurley McCall.

Ernest Kennedy, 162, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over Eric Holland, 159, Philadelphia. Referee: Sgrillo.

Tyrone Dillard, 155, Philadelphia, outboxed Blaine Jones, 153, Philadelphia, for a unanimous verdict in four. Referee: Sgrillo.

Kenny Wallace, 159, Philadelphia, squeaked out a majority decision over lefty Kilpatrick Mitchell, 159, Trenton, New Jersey, who fights hard, but can't seem to buy a win, in a sloppy but spirited four. Referee: McCall.

Dynamic Chuck Folks, 142, Reading, blasted out Robert Foster, 141, Philadelphia, with a two-knockdown TKO at 2:14 of the first, scheduled for four. Referee: McCall.

Promoter: Tom Frazier (Detom Promotions)
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Attendance: 1,400
(9-17-90)

J.R. Jowett

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—The Omni New Daisy Theatre—**Freddie Ladd**, 146, West Memphis, Arkansas, won a unanimous 12-round decision over **Lafayette Davis**, 148, Little Rock, Arkansas, to win the vacant Mid-South Boxing Southern welterweight title. Ladd poured it on and won the latter rounds of this action-packed fight. The scores: 115-114, 120-113, and 118-110.

Lowell Merchant, 188, Little Rock, earned a six-round split decision over Roy Bedwell, 175, Jackson.

Harold Pickney, 164, Hot Springs, Arkansas, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Lester Yarbrough, 160, Jackson.

Chuck Glover, 154, Covington, got back on the winning track as he stopped Johnny Simmons, 153, Memphis, at 2:59 of the second round.

Scottie Smith, 160, Little Rock, stopped Tommy

Jeans, 158, Memphis, at 2:00 of the first round.
Mike Faulkner, 258, Memphis, stopped Lawrence Gilmore, 205, Little Rock, at 2:15 of the first round.
(9-4-90)

JOHNSON CITY—Miami-based Angelo Dundee worked the corners of four of his fighters and came out 3-1.
Middleweight **Troy Darrell**, Miami, 26-2, survived an early butt and scored a second-round TKO over **Lopez McGee**, Nashville.
Bristol heavyweight Mark Carrier, 25-1-1, threw crisp combinations and stopped Keith Allen, Louisville, Kentucky, near the end of the fourth round. Carrier said Dundee and assistant trainer Eddie Roberts made the difference.
Junior middleweight Scott Ashley, Miami, scored a unanimous decision over Marvin Ladson, Shelby, North Carolina.
Favored heavyweight Halken Brock, Sweden, walked into an overhand right thrown early in the second round by Knoxville's Stanley Wright and hit the canvas like a ton of bricks. Referee Deacon Bowers then stopped the fight.
Lightweight Johnny Montanaz, St. Paul, Minnesota, scored a third-round TKO over Raul Carbello, Homestead, Florida.
Heavyweight Mike Cohen, Hilton Head, South Carolina, kayoed Kenny Smith, Bristol, Virginia, in the fourth of a scheduled six-rounder.
Richie Hess, Bristol, Virginia, scored a TKO in the second round over Ricky Melton, Charlotte, North Carolina; junior welterweights.
Attendance: 4,215
(9-22-90)

Ron Scalf

MEMPHIS—The Omni New Daisy Theatre—**Chuck Glover**, 155, Covington, Tennessee, paired with **Kevin Johnson**, 156, Oklahoma City, in a 10-round junior middleweight rumble. After four even rounds, Johnson started to take the fight from Glover with left-right combinations. In rounds seven and eight, Johnson had Glover on the canvas for the count of eight. In rounds nine and 10, Glover made a valid effort to come back, but it proved too late. The judges scored 97-92, 98-92, and 97-93 for Johnson.
In the semi-main event, Wimpy Halstead, 220, Scenic Hills, California, stopped Mike Russell, 228, Decatur, Arkansas, at 1:47 of the fourth round.
Scottie Smith, 165, Little Rock, Arkansas, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Darrell Thomas, 170, Memphis, Tennessee.
Kenneth Kidd, 153, Jackson, took a six-round unanimous decision over Danny Vires, 154, Oklahoma City; junior middleweights.
Promoter: Tom Harmon, Mid-South Boxing
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Judges: Don Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Sam Garland, Jim Kidd
Ringside Physician: Dr. Susan Lindsey
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(10-2-90)

Michael Glenn

VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA BEACH—The Dome Civic Center—**Darren Hayden**, 215, Virginia Beach, took a hard-fought unanimous decision over **Lynwood Jones**, 267, Radcliff, Kentucky. With no footwork in evidence, the two hulking bruisers leaned on each other and clubbed away in pachydermous fashion. The smaller Hayden was able to keep his hands clear and put out the greater work ethic, while the frustrated visitor merely became angry with referee Ernie Green for constant warnings about using his head as a substitute for a jab.
The other heavyweight match provided more action, as Ric Lainhart, Mike Owens, and referee Green combined in a wrestling-style carnival. Lainhart, 190, Virginia Beach, was dropped by a right behind the ear in the second. Arising, he took a hefty shelling from Owens, 215, Virginia Beach, but seemed to have survived and gotten untracked. Then, when the plodding Lainhart missed a big swing and spun completely around, Green seemed to interpret this as staggering, and abruptly stopped the bout.
An irate Lainhart tried to push past the referee and had to be subdued, but it wasn't enough. When Green went to the commission table to report his ruling, Lainhart advanced on Owens. Thinking Lainhart was going to shake hands, Owens extended his hand but was quickly disillusioned when the Virginian raised his own dukes to resume the action. Owens obliged, and the two began trading away, with Green unaware of what was going on behind his back. When the commotion attracted the referee's attention, the battlers were finally separated. It went into the books as a TKO at 2:57 of the second.
In an excellent match, shifty switch-hitter Ronnie Smith, 135, Richmond, upset local favorite Doug Shambaugh, 135, Virginia Beach, by close but unanimous decision. After bitter trading at the start, the flatfooted local slugger was outboxed through the middle rounds. Shambaugh rallied and dropped Smith with a left hook, though it wasn't enough to take the verdict. Referee: Al Rothenberg.
Mark Buchanan, 149, Norfolk, hammered an outclassed Lynn Robinson, 155, Newport News, for a TKO at 44 seconds of the sixth and final round.
Lefty Martin Musoke, 150, Richmond, gained a split verdict over Calvin Moody, 148, Portsmouth, in a frenzied, punishing shootout. The slippery Moody outscored the less skilled Musoke, but the judges leaned toward Martin's all-out aggression. When Moody was penalized by Green for dirty tactics in the sixth, it provided Musoke with his slim margin of victory.
Promoter: Donnie Pulley (D.P. Sports Promotions)
Matchmaker: Donnie Pulley
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
Judges: Jim Taylor, Larry Doggette, John Witt, Murray Gillikin, Steve Riel
(8-25-90)

J.R. Jowett

PUERTO RICO

HAYTO REY—Pedrin Zorilla Coliseum—**Rafael Del Valle**, 120, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over **Hector "Rayo" Medina**, 119. This was a return of a hotly contested win for Del Valle, 8-0. He again took advantage of his greater height and reach to score another close win. Scores: 77-76 (twice) and 78-75. Medina was the aggressor throughout, but Del Valle's boxing skill proved to be the difference.
In the semi-final eight, Josue "Dickie" Camacho, decisioned junior flyweight Cesar Acevedo. The turning point was a troublesome cut eye suffered by Acevedo.
Silverio Flores, 130, scored a fifth-round TKO over Victor Laureano, 131. A cut eye prevented Laureano from continuing. Commission doctor Raul Casas called a halt at 44 seconds of the fifth.
Olympic flyweight Hector "Tito" Orozco returned after an absence of two years but was stopped by Eduardo Nazario, who recovered from a first-round knockdown, for a TKO at 38 seconds of the third round. Orozco was dropped twice in the second.
Another former Olympian, Hector Arroyo, 131, made his pro debut by scoring a first-round kayo over Ramon Rodriguez, 130.
In the opening four, hard-hitting Javier Rivera, 149, scored a first-round kayo over Manuel Albarran, 150, 0-1. Rivera is 2-1.
Promoter: Howard Class
Attendance: 650 (estimated)
(9-15-90)

SAN JUAN—El San Juan Hotel & Casino—Ranked WBA Mexican junior featherweight **Jorge Romero**, 22-1, suffered a severe setback when he was stopped in the first round by local **Pedro Arroyo**, 15-3. Arroyo, a last-minute substitute for Ramon Cruz, scored what may be the biggest upset on the island this year. He came out flailing, but Romero was equal to the task, and for brief moments it looked like the Mexican was the one about to score an early knockout. Romero rocked his opponent at the start of the round, but Arroyo was carrying the heavier leather and finished the give-and-take affair with a potent right to the jaw that dropped Romero four seconds before the end of the first. However, referee Roberto Ramirez correctly continued the count after the bell. Romero was up after the count, but on unsteady pins for this first knockout loss of a still-promising career.
In a six-round semifinal, 17-year-old Felix Trinidad, 144, 6-0, beat Valentin Ocasio, 143. This was Trinidad's toughest win to date, as Ocasio pressed him throughout but could not maintain the fast pace and tired in the final rounds. The only weakness that can be attributed to Trinidad at this time is that he appears slightly static and does not work the body.
In four-round prelims:
Rafael "Cholo" Rodriguez, 119, scored a third-round TKO over Hector Correa.
Miami-based Cuban Alex Perez, 130, stopped localite Ivan Torres in the first.
Domingo Cora, 133, scored a one-round kayo

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over Richard Tavarz, 132.
Luis Perez won in four over Hector Sanchez; junior welterweights.
Promoter: Uppercut Promotions
Attendance: 800
(10-3-90)

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MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—Hugo Rodriguez TKO'd **Rafael Campos** in the fifth round of an eight-round super bantamweight bout.
Marcelo Nava kayoed Francisco Mendez in the second round; bantamweights.
Featherweight Obdulio Rojas knocked out Juan Ramirez in the third round.
Lupe Rangel kayoed Jorge Santana in one; bantamweights.
Juan Vazquez won a four-round decision over Efren Velarde; welterweights.
Joaquin Medellin TKO'd Mario Serrano in the second round; lightweights.
(8-1-90)

CIUDAD OBREGON—Armando "Monstruo" Castro scored a TKO over **Pedro "Finito" Rabago** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round super flyweight bout. In this battle of former Mexican champions, Castro, ranked fifth, broke Rabago's nose.
(8-2-90)

MATAMOROS—"Hurracan" Briones registered a fourth-round TKO over **Rafael Valdez.**
(8-3-90)

MEXICO CITY—Javier Pichardo scored a third-round TKO over **Raul Franco**; super featherweights. The bout served as a tuneup for Pichardo's shot at the Mexican title. A left to the jaw put his opponent down and out for nearly five minutes. Franco dropped to 21-8-1.
Joel Luna Zarate kept his undefeated record intact when Armando Morales was disqualifed from a 10-round bantamweight bout. Zatate suffered a cut from an intentional butt that took seven stitches.
Juan Gonzalez scored a third-round TKO over Gerardo "Gatito" Gonzalez; mini flyweights.
Alberto Castro won a six-round welterweight bout when Samuel Martinez was disqualified in the fourth round.
Marco Antonio Barrera scored a fourth-round TKO over Federico Lara; flyweights.
Eleazar Bravo TKO'd Miguel Ordenez in the third round; flyweights.
(8-4-90)

MEXICO CITY—Esteban Arreola kayoed **Porfinio Rabanales** in the third round of an eight-round bantamweight bout.
Gerardo "Cantinflas" Garcia took a six-round split decision over Jose Garcia; mini flyweights.
Alejandrino Juarez scored a fifth-round TKO over Ricardo Saucedo; middleweights.
Esteban Manriquez scored a first-round TKO over Francisco Garcia; mini flyweights.
Jose Antonio Cruz scored a third-round TKO over Eduardo Sanchez; featherweights.
Vincente Hernandez posted a four-round decision over Jose Garcia; super featherweights.
(8-8-90)

ACAMBARA—Isidro Pacheco scored a fifth-round TKO over **Jose Valderrama**; super featherweights.
Ramon "Toluquito" Lopez scored a fourth-round TKO over Evarsto "Alacran" Morales; mini flyweights.
Emilo "Popeye" Silva fought to a draw with Ceferino Burgos; super bantmaweights.
Pedro Carbajal scored a third-round TKO over Simon Gonzalez; featherweights.
Former world welterweight champion Jose Napoles was on hand for the card.
(8-9-90)

GUADALAJARA—Raul Martinez Mora scored a ninth-round TKO over **Rogelo "Chatito" Jauregui** in a 10-round super bantamweight bout.
Alejandro Gonzalez scored a fifth-round TKO over Atanasio "Monito" Villarreal; 10 rounds, bantamweights.
(8-10-90)

MEXICO CITY—Mario "Shazam" Fuentes scored a fifth-round kayo over **Arturo "Chino" Lopez** in a 10-round super lightweight bout. Fuentes, 20-6-2, put Lopez, 35-5-2, down in the first. Lopez got up and took control until he was caught by a right to the chin.
Raul "Chispa" Gutierrez scored a first-round TKO over Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez; flyweights.
Albino Rosas scored a third-round TKO over Gustivo "Tubo" Gomez; super featherweights.
Enrique Jupiter scored a fourth-round TKO over Jose Juilo Cordoba; bantamweights.
Oscar Arciniega won a six-round decision over Ricardo Medina; flyweights.
(8-11-90)

MINATITLAN—Rey "Conejito" Hernandez won a 10-round decision over **Jose "Halcon" Urbina**; mini flyweights. Hernandez is 28-5 (22).
Martin Soto scored a fourth-round TKO over Benny Arguellos; featherweights.
(8-17-90)

NUEVO LAREDO—Mario Gomez scored a sixth-round kayo over **Manuel "Jibaro" Hernandez**; 10 rounds, featherweights. The seventh-ranked Gomez was forced to work for his victory.
Manuel "Rana" Gomez scored a first-round TKO over Ulises Flores; super featherweights. Gomez is 13-1.
Rafael "Bacha" Gomez scored a fifth-round kayo over Daniel Felizardo; super welterweights.
(8-17-90)

CARDENAS—Oscar Gallegos won a 10-round decision over **Valdimir Gallegos**; super featherweights. The winner dropped his foe in the second, third, and seventh rounds. The loser provided a scare when he dropped his conqueror in the ninth.
Mario Diaz won a 10-round decision over Manuel Iglesias; bantamweights.
Joselin "Maestrito" Gonzalez scored a second-round kayo over Juan Medina; mini flyweights. Gonzalez is 10-0.
Antonio "Toco" Lopez scored a second-round TKO over Daniel Pichardo; featherweights.
Baldomero Zamudio scored a second-round TKO over Martin Fuentes, lightweights.
(8-17-90)

MEXICALI—Jorge Roman registered a fifth-round TKO over **Jose Tebaqui**; 10 rounds, mini flyweights.
(8-17-90)

CULIACAN—On the Julio Cesar Chavez-Russell Mosley undercard, **Luis "Tyson" Vazquez** kayoed **Ricky Villa** in the first round; 10 rounds, junior middleweights.
Roberto Chavez scored a third-round kayo over Gilberto Meza; super flyweights.
Martin Leon scored a fifth-round TKO over Miguel Angel Uriarte; super featherweights.
"Chachalago" Mayorga III scored a fifth-round TKO over Conny Lopez; lightweights.
Luis Verdugo scored a third-round kayo over Juan Samaniego; welterweights.
(8-18-90)

MEXICO CITY—Coliseo—Sulio Sanchez scored an 11th-round TKO over **Miguel Angel Dominguez** to take the Mexican welterweight title. Sanchez, 18-3, opened a severe cut over the eye of Dominguez, 32-8-1. It was Dominguez' second defense. Both were warned constantly for leading with their heads. The scores at the time of the stoppage: 97-95 for Sanchez, 95-95, and 97-95 for Dominguez. Sanchez, who also was cut, is the brother of the late Salvador Sanchez.
Francisco "Buzo" Gonzalez scored an eighth-round TKO over Roman Jimenez; bantamweights.
Jesus Montiel scored a second-round TKO over Sergio Perez; super flyweights.
Abel Hinojosa scored a third-round TKO over Luis Lara; flyweights. Hinojosa is 8-0.
Jose Rangel took a unanimous four-round decision over Carlos Medal; flyweights.
(8-18-90)

TIJUANA—Luis Ramon "Yori Boy" Campas registered an eighth-round TKO over **Julian "Pato" Benitez** in a 10-round welterweight bout. Campas is 25-0.
Ramon Zavala registered a second-round TKO over Andres "Caria" Sandoval in a 10-round lightweight bout.
Vincente Lopez scored a second-round TKO over Alejandor Luna; welterweights.
Miguel Martinez scored a second-round kayo over Oscar Jimenez; flyweights.
Daniel Lopez scored a second-round stoppage of Alejandro Ortega; super bantamweights.
Jesus Ramirez won a four-round decision over Oscar Garcia; featherweights.

Antonio Gastelun took a four-round decision over Pedro Espinoza; flyweights.
(8-20-90)

MAZATLAN—Marco Antonio "Chino" Lizarraga scored a TKO over **Alberto Santana Llanes** in the sixth round of a 12-round bout for Lizarraga's Mexican super lightweight title. Lizzarraga, 34-1-1 (29), was making his fourth defense.

Fernando Angulo scored a fifth-round kayo over Alejandro de Leon; light heavyweights.
(8-24-90)

CUIDUD del CARMEN—Betillo Cantu scored a second-round TKO over **Juan Diego Arjona**; 10 rounds, flyweights. Cantu was decked in the first, then rose and dropped Arjona. Arjona was subsequently pounded until the referee stepped in.
(8-24-90)

MEXICO CITY—Coliseo—Miguel Angel "Angelo" Gonzalez registered a second-round TKO over **Benny Medina** in a 10-round lightweight contest. Medina, 21-7-2, stung Gonzalez, 13-0 (11), with a left to the head in the first round. By the end of the round, however, Gonzalez had started to take command. In the second, a Gonzalez right finished Medina off.

Guillermo "Memo" Flores won a split decision over Ismael "Chispa" Rodriguez; 10 rounds, mini flyweights. The scores: 96-95, 96-95, and 96-97. Rodriguez, 23-3 (22), had a point taken away in the fourth for butting.

Juan Facundo Lopez gained a victory over Noe "Grillo" Santillana via eighth-round disqualification. The super flyweight bout ended with a clash of heads.

Jose Montes scored a second-round TKO over Cuauhtemoc Sanchez; featherweights.

Carlosa Escobar took a six-round decision over Isaias Velazquez; featherweights.
(8-25-90)

LA PAZ—Isaias "La Bestia" Lucero scored a 10th-round TKO over **Martin "Canelo" Lopez** in a scheduled 12-rounder and retained the Mexican light heavyweight title. Lucero, 18-0, retained the title for the eighth time. Lopez, 14-1, got off to a good start, but a bad cut hindered his efforts. A crowd of 3,500 cheered local hero Lucero on.

Saul Montana Jr. scored a fifth-round TKO over Javier Pena; light heavyweights.

Jaime "Pajarito" Fernandez won 10-round decision over Jesus "Secre" Muniz; super bantamweights.
(8-31-90)

IRAPUATO—Guillermo "Memo" Chavez decisioned **Felix Mendoza** in a 10-round light heavyweight bout.

Maximo Martinez scored a fourth-round TKO over Evasisto "Alacran" Morales; flyweights.

Jose Penato scored a first-round TKO over Jose Luis Rodriguez; super lightweights.

Esteban Carrillo won a decision over Miguel Mora; featherweights.

Apolinar Tolantino decisioned Humberto Martinez; mini flyweights.
(8-31-90)

HERMOSILLO—Cuauhtemoc "Famosito" Gomez kayoed **Miguel "May" Espinoza** in the sixth round; 10 rounds, flyweights. Gomez is 18-0 (17); Espinoza 17-5 (12).
(8-31-90)

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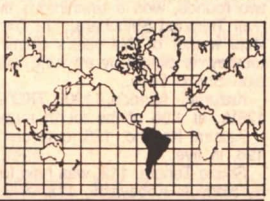

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

BELEM—Undefeated Brizilian champion **Luiz Ferreira** TKO'd **Jurandir de Oliveira** in the third round; super flyweights.
(8-15-90)

LEME—Waldemir Franco outpointed **Valdevino Monteiro** over eight rounds; super featherweights.

Cruiserweight Dionizio Lazario won a 10-round decision over Brites Camargo and became the new Brazilian champion.
(8-18-90)

LEME—Ibirapuera Gymnasium—Argentine **Miguel Mosna** won a 12-round decision over **Clarimundo Silva** to capture the vacant South American light heavyweight title.

Paulo Weinstalt won a six-round decision over Claudio de Oliveira; middleweights.

Mauricio Amaral stopped Hugo Grimal, Argentina, in the second round; middleweights.

Juan Diaz TKO'd Argentine Jorge Lopez in the second round; heavyweights.

Francisco de Assis stopped Lourival Delfino in the eighth round to win the vacant welterweight title.
(8-31-90)

SAO PAOLO—Gymnasium CMTC Club—**Andre Nicola Abud** won a four-round decision over **Wilson Goncalves**; featherweights.

Valtencir Franca stopped Jose Augusto dos Santos in the third round.
(9-25-90)

BELEM DO PARA—Undefeated Brazilian junior welterweight champion **Gil de Carvalho** kayoed **Domingo Guzman**, Paraguay, in the sixth round.

Attendance: 5,000 (estimated)
(9-27-90)

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GUYANA

GEORGETOWN—Michael "Evergreen" Parris retained the Guyanese bantamweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over **Lalta "Coolie Bully" Narine**. Parris, 7-3-1, controlled the rushing tactics of the tough Narine with his fast hands and clever boxing ability. It was a classic example of a good boxer dominating a good fighter, as Parris won despite being dropped by a left at the bell ending round 10. The scores: 115-113, 118-112, and 119-107.

In the six-round opener, debuting Michael Miller, 138, and Eion Bancroft, 135, battled to a draw.

Brian Koulen, 135, 3-0, literally ran and held for the whole eight rounds and still won a split decision over Marcelle Daniels, 139, 8-7; lightweights.

In an eight-round welterweight bout, Pascall David, 147, 2-1, won a split decision over Andrew Murry, 145, 2-1.
(9-23-90)

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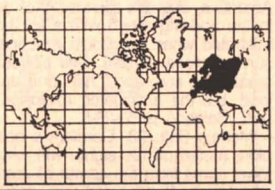

EUROPE

GREAT BRITAIN

ENGLAND

BRIGHTON—Brighton Conference Centre—**Chris Eubank**, 160, Brighton, 23-0, was unconvincing while successfully defending the WBC International middleweight title with an eighth-round cut eye stoppage of Birmingham challenger **Kid Milo**, 158. His upcoming fight with Nigel Benn may have taken Eubank's mind off the job at hand, but Milo provided stiff opposition and still looked strong at the time of the stoppage. A cut on Milo's cheekbone and another above his left eye prompted referee Larry O'Connell to stop the bout despite protests from the very game challenger at 1:26 of round eight.

British cruiserweight champion Johnny Nelson, 200, outpointed American Andre "Boss" Smith, 204, over eight rounds. Nelson was largely unimpressive. Referee Dave Parris scored 79½-77½.

Herbie Hide, 192, Norwich, stopped Grimsby's Steve Lewsam, 183, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Referee Billy Warner intervened at the

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1:40 mark.

Edinburgh's Sean Heron, 173, outpointed Karl Barwise, 166, Epsom, over six threes. Referee Dave Parris scored 59-58.

In a welterweight contest, localite Tim Harmey, 142, scored a points decision over Pembroke's Mike Morrison, 144. Referee Billy Warner saw it 59½-59 for Harmey after six two-minute rounds.

Chesterfield's Lee Fox, 130, and Nico Lucas, 131, Waltham Abbey, drew over six twos, with referee Warner awarding 59 points to both fighters.
(9-5-90)

LIVERPOOL—Everton Park Sports Centre—**Sugar Gibiliru**, 138, Liverpool, scored an encouraging eight-round decision over Glasgow's **Kris McAdam**, 137. For the Liverpool fighter, it was a welcome return to the ranks after his shattering knockout loss to Mark Reefer last May. McAdam had his moments, particularly in the fifth, when he decked Gibiliru with a right-left combination. But Gibiliru was almost totally in control and was awarded referee Brian Hogg's nod, 79½-78.

Another local fighter, Jimmy Owens, 129, recovered sufficiently from a first-round knockdown to outpoint Nottingham's Nigel Senior, 130, over six twos. Keith Garner scored 59-58.

Manchester's Frank Eubanks, 164½, stopped Liverpool's Alan Pennington, 162, in the second of a scheduled six twos. Referee Hogg made his timely intervention 40 seconds into the round.

Warrington's Mike Philips, 154, made a successful pro debut when a clash of heads in the first round rendered Marvin O'Brien, 159, Leeds, unable to continue because of a severe cut above his eye. The end came after just 65 seconds. Referee: Garner.
(9-7-90)

LONDON—York Hall in Bethnal Green—Croydon's **Mickey Hughes**, 149, blasted away **Nick Meloscia**, 153, Gloucester, 7-7 (3), in the first round of a scheduled eight. A short right put Meloscia down, and referee Larry O'Connell issued a mandatory eight-count. On the resumption, Hughes, 20-3 (18), crossed over another dynamite right and it was all over at 2:46.

Tim Driscoll, 128, Bermondsey, 13-3 (2), comfortably outpointed Cardiff's Steve Robinson, 125, over eight rounds. Referee O'Connell tabbed 79½-76½. Robinson is 4-4 (2).

Ian Chantler, 156, St. Helen's, beat Stratford's Tony Velinor, 156, when a cut eye rendered Velinor unable to continue after the fourth round. This was very unfortunate for Velinor, who battled gamely after being dropped in the first. Billy Warner stopped the bout.

Bethnal Green's Francis Ampofo, 113, scored a classic one-punch knockout with his right to beat Eric George, 113, Swansea, at 1:30 of round one. Referee Warner's 10-count was a mere formality.

Phil Soundy, 186, Benfleet, stopped Rob Albon, 192, Hayes, just 14 seconds into round one. A right and a followup combination shook Albon to the tips of his toes and prompted referee Warner to halt the proceedings.
(9-11-90)

Brian Doogan

FINLAND

HELSINKI—Former world-rated super middleweight **Tarmo Uusivirta**, 169¾, Jyvaskyla, making his first start following a 20-month layoff, flattened **William "Krystal Kid" Clayton**, 165, Chicago, 12-18 (6), with a right to the body at 2:59 in the first round of a scheduled eight. Uusivirta is 18-3-3 (12).

Determined non-stop aggressor Victor Mobley, 141¾, Chicago, dominated the latter half of the toe-to-toe action against stylish Jan Nyholm, 141¼, Helsinki, 7-0-2 (3), but had to settle for a six-round draw. Mobley, 12-3-1 (2), lost a split decision victory because of a point deducted for rabbit-punching. The scores: 58-58 and 58-57 for Mobley, and 59-57 for Nyholm. *The Ring* scored 58-56 for Mobley.

Touted Slugger O'Toole, 167¾, Sheffield, England, was unimpressive in failing to stop stringbean survivor Elvis Parks, 169½, Chicago, 14-16-1 (7), in an untidy six-rounder. O'Toole, 14-3 (9), scored the only knockdown in the first round. Scores: 60-48, 60-50, and 60-55.

Unbeaten Fred "Hard Rock" Norwood, 123½, St. Louis, outclassed and stopped Antti Juntumaa, 119, Oulu, Finland, at 2:08 in the sixth round. Southpaw Norwood, 5-0 (2), dropped Juntumaa, 3-2 (2), twice in the fourth round, once in the fifth, and once more in the sixth, at which point referee Olli Maki stopped the contest.

In a heavyweight comedy act, bodybuilder-wrestler Ricky Rice, 214, Minneapolis, 2-1 (2), was supposed to be cannon-fodder for Jouni Kopola, 200¼, 1-2-1 (1). But Rice surprised everybody by stopping Kopola at 1:12 of the fifth round with a wild right and a followup left.

Promoters: Tom Sjoberg, Kai Niemela
Referees: Olli Maki, Erkki Meronen
Judges: Esa Lehtosaari, Olli Maki, Erik Nikkinen, Johannes Salminen, Veikko Sillantaka
(8-20-90)

HELSINKI—Hotel Intercontinental—Five boxers from the Russian Red Star Boxing stable made their pro debuts against opponents from Latin America.

In the best bout, **Mihail Shirin**, 151, Soviet Union, and **David Torres**, 149½, Puerto Rico, fought to a six-round-draw. On his previous visit to Finland, Torres dropped local favorite Joni Nyman once before losing a decision.

Rangy Evgeni Burchak, 134¾, Soviet Union, unanimously outpointed Elvin Gonzalez, 134¾, Puerto Rico, in a six-rounder.

Andrey Karavaev, 188, Soviet Union, stopped Reynaldo Hernandez, 178¾, Puerto Rico, in the second round.

Valery Dzaniev, 159½, Soviet Union, surprisingly kayoed Jose Luis Estevan, 159¾, Venezuela, in the third round. Estevan had given trouble to former contender Rafael Williams just one month earlier.

Gaddy Temirbolatov, 158½, Soviet Union, stopped Fernando Escalera, 158¼, Puerto Rico, in the fourth round.

Promoter: Risto Hallamaa
Attendance: 150
(9-3-90)

Petri Palmander

GERMANY

BERLIN—Sport Hall—In a world light heavyweight eliminator scheduled for 10 rounds, **Graciano Rocchigiani** beat 32-year-old **Rodrigo "Kojak" Benech**, Montevideo, in three rounds, but learned little from this one-sided affair. Rocchigiani, 26, opened up in the third, landing heavy lefts to the head that had Benech in trouble. As referee Georg Grabbarz gave Benech a standing eight-count, Benech's corner threw in the towel. Rocchigiani's brushes with the law when off duty have been frequent, but in the ring he appears indestructible, having won all of his 29 bouts over the past seven years. Benech is 18-5.

Henry Maske, 3-0, decisioned Jorge Salgado, 35, Argentina, over six rounds. After dropping Salgado in the opening round with a left hook, he became frustrated when the South American switched to a survival mode. Maske, who still carries a bit of an amateurish style about him, built up an unassailable lead, but the anticipated explosion never materialized. Salgado is 50-23-5.

Markus Bott, 28, Germany's heavyweight champion, reeled off his eighth win when the surrender towel came from the corner of Jose Morales, 29, in round four. Bott scored with accuracy and barely broke a sweat against the hopeless Mexican. Bott won 189 of his 264 amateur bouts. His biggest win as a pro was a third-round stoppage of Matthew Saad Muhammad. Morales is 40-10.

Andy Marks, 20, won the vacant light middleweight title, flattening Thomas Matoi, 24, in the fourth. It was a nasty knockout, with Matoi unable to rise for some minutes. Marks was as happy as a kid in a sweet factory, and so he should be, a champion at the age of 20, and after only 11 bouts.

Yugoslav middleweight Tritmir Jandrek, 29, won a six-round unanimous decision over German Silvio Mieckley, 20, 3-2-2.

Heavyweight Andrej Rudenko, 20, the first Russian pro to fight in a German ring, had been carefully groomed for this debut against German Hans Wenn, 0-1. In the fourth, Wenn was decked but beat the count. As Rudenko came in for the finish, the third man, Georg Grobbarz, called a halt. Rudenko has fought in America, France, England, and Russia. This was his fifth win.

Promoter: Wilfried Sauerland
Matchmakers: Peter Bedewitz, Jean Maracel Nartz, Klaus Speer
Referee/Judges: Georg Grabbarz, Norbert Krosch
Physicians: Dr. Peter van Velsen, Dr. Walter Wagner
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(9-7-90)

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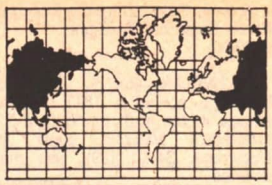

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JAPAN

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—In just his fourth pro bout, **Joichiro Tatsuyoshi**, a Japanese Ruben Olivares, 117¼, impressively seized the national bantamweight crown as he outsped, outjabbed, and outpunched defending champion **Shigeru Okabe**, 117¾, and floored him thrice to score a beautiful stoppage at 2:51 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

The sellout crowd was on its feet when Tatsuyoshi, 20, finally nailed the champion with lightning lefts and rights to the face and midsection. Okabe, 16-2 (8), was expected to outleg the overconfident rookie and win a decision, but the difference in power was so obvious that the champion couldn't follow his fight plan. Tatsuyoshi, a well-balanced boxer-puncher, cooly threw jabs at the nervous champion and won the first two rounds with ease.

In round three, Tatsuyoshi kept the pressure on and connected with sharp rights followed by hooks. Stepping up his rhythm, he pinned his foe with a well-timed left hook and straight right. Down the champion went. Though Okabe pulled himself up, his legs were shaky. The challenger cornered him with another sharp combination, and then dropped him again. After a third knockdown, referee Takeshi Shimakaw declared a halt.

Yoshifumi Kitajima, the JBC's top-ranked welterweight, 152½, won a majority but well-received decision over lefty Fumihiko Kimura, the top contender at junior middleweight, 153, in 10. Kimura ran out of gas in the sixth round. He grabbed the aggressive Kitajima repeatedly, and occasionally threw southpaw lefts and rights. Kitajima had the lefty groggy in round nine, but failed to finish him. Scoring: 97-97, 97-95, and 97-96 for Kitajima. He is 12-5-4 (1); Kimura 5-2 (2).

Promoter: Seki Promotions
Attendance: 3,200 (estimated)
(9-11-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Puma Toguchi**, 112, looked awesome in flattening aggressive challenger **Jun Takada**, 112, with one punch to retain the Japanese flyweight title at 2:50 of the first round. The 20-year-old Toguchi, 11-0 (11), a flyweight version of Roberto Duran, is rated 19th by the WBC and should zoom up in the near future. Takada, 8-5 (4), a tall challenger, gamely attempted to take the fight to the champion, and scored with short rights followed by hooks. But Toguchi quickly figured out that his opponent wasn't a dangerous puncher and nailed him.

Toguchi is still developing, and has plenty he must master. His defense has much room to improve. But he can punch with either hand, which has made him one of the most popular mitt men in Japan.

Tomonori Tamura, 112, turned loose in the last two rounds, won a unanimous five-round decision over Takanori Shinohara, 112. Tamura, 9-2 (7), the local winner of this year's Shinjin-o (Novice King) tourney, is piloted by ex-world featherweight champion Shozo Saijo.

Kazunari Minoda, 130, TKO'd Akihiko Rikita, 129¼, at 1:36 of the fourth round.

Kazumi Kosono, 126, outscored Hiroaki Fukaya, 126, in five.

Shuzo Tahara, 112, was held to a technical draw by Noriyuki Kobayashi, 112, at 35 seconds of the third round.

Promoter: Victory Promotions
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(8-27-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hard-punching but stiff-muscled **Shosei Nitta**, the JBC's fourth-ranked junior bantamweight, 115, absorbed a few counterpunches from **Yasutaka Sakurai** in the fourth through seventh sessions, but fought back hard in the last three rounds to win a close but unanimous 10-round decision. Scores: 98-97 (twice) and 98-96.

Nitta, 11-2 (7), should have used his left hand more smoothly, as he was outpunched by slick mover Sakurai, 7-8-2 (0), the JBC's number-seven flyweight.

Wing Sato, 117, overwhelmed southpaw Yuji Iida, 118, stopping him at 2:17 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Kaneko Promotions
Attendance: 1,700 (estimated)
(8-24-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Since dethroning Japanese junior lightweight champion Takeyuki Akagi by upset decision in January, **Kenichiro Kojo**, 14-6-3 (3), has become a different boxer from the 130-pounder people had called "powder-puff punching boy." Kojo, 132, swarmed over Korean **Yong Man Chun**, 132, en route to a fine TKO at 1:11 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10. Kojo, 24, a busy Marlon Starling-type stylist, has registered a couple of stoppages in a row after his coronation. The Korean Chun couldn't win a round, as he was overpowered and overwhelmed by Kojo's incessant attacks. Covering himself with his opened gloves, Kojo kept coming forward, just like Starling, and peppered his foe with light but fast combinations. Referee Tezaki issued a standing-count to the groggy Korean in the sixth, and declared a halt when a towel was tossed in from the loser's corner in the eighth. Chun dipped to 11-4-2 (5).

Ghanian middleweight Vinny Martin, the Japanese Commission's number-six contender, 158¾, kept sticking and moving and was awarded a close but unanimous decision over Yoshinori Nishizawa, the fifth-ranked middleweight, 160, in 10. It was a boring fight, with Martin keeping his distance all the way. Most interesting was a squabble, in round two, between a French ex-boxer and a Ghanian adherent for Martin. Fans watched the quarrel rather than the fight in the ring.

The Ghanian, living in Japan, is 6-1-1 (1). He has a tendency to use safety-first tactics too much. Nishizawa a poor-skilled puncher, fell to 6-3-1 (4). Scoring: 99-97 (thrice).

Kazuaki Fukazawa, 123, drew with Hiroshi Hishiyama, 123, in six.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(8-28-90)

KURUME—Kurume General Sports Center—Rough-swinging **Masumi Yamaguchi**, 146, caught **Koichi Tateno**, 146, and finished him at 2:29 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Yamaguchi, Japan's number-two ranked welterweight, is an old-fashioned swinger. The difference of power was apparent, and Yamaguchi easily demolished his less experienced rival.
(9-2-90)

SENDAI—Miyagi Prefectural Gymnasium—Hard-punching but unsophisticated **Hitoshi Kamiyama**, 152¾, displayed his raw power and overwhelmed tall lefty **Jiro Kashiwara**, 152¾, stopping him at 2:42 of the second round in a scheduled 10. It was Kamiyama's sixth defense of the national junior middleweight title.

Kamiyama, 16-1-1 (9), sent the challenger to the deck in the first session. In the next round, he connected with wicked body shots and sent him sprawling to the canvas for the count. Kashiwara fell to 10-7-3 (5).

Fast-rising lefty Masanori Sato, 5-0 (5), the JBC's eighth-ranked welterweight, 145½, stopped Masato Takada, 145½, at 2:15 of the third round in a scheduled eight. The loser dipped to 6-7-3 (2).

Amado Chiba Cabato, a Filipino import ranked at the top by the JBC, 134½, outpointed Katsumi Nonoguchi, the JBC's eighth-ranked junior welterweight, 134¼, in eight. Cabato, whose record here is 4-1 (2), is gunning for a crack at Kenichiro Kojo's national throne. Nonoguchi fell to 12-10-2 (3).

Armando Chiba Tenoria, the WBC's 23rd-ranked strawweight, 107¾, displayed scrappy rallies in winning a unanimous decision over Hitoshi Taniuchi, 109, in eight.

Makoto Nishizawa, the JBC's eighth-ranked lightweight, 134½, outpointed Hidemitsau Hogo, the sixth-ranked junior lightweight, 133¼, in eight. Nishizawa is 10-7-1 (7).

Promoter: Sendai and Shin Nihon Kimura Promotions
(9-8-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—The semifinals of the A-Class Prize Tournament produced some upsets. Fast lefty **Koji Matsumoto**, the JBC's third-ranked featherweight, 126, won a unanimous decision over **Kengo Fukuda**, a handsome ex-movie star ranked fifth by the commission, 126, in six. Fukuda attempted to connect with light but busy combinations, but he was caught by Matsumoto's accurate counterpunches. Scoring: 59-57, 60-58, and 60-57. Matsumoto, 21, is 7-1 (2). Fukuda, 22, fell to 17-4-2 (11).

Russian Gussie Nazarov, the JBC's second-ranked lightweight, 135, ran to 4-0 (4) by disposing of Takashi Saito, 134½, at 2:37 of the opening session in a scheduled six. Nazarov, a sharp lefty, landed wicked body shots with his favorite punches, left uppercuts, and dropped Saito twice. Saito, 11-6 (3), looked fragile and vulnerable.

Olympic gold medalist **Viatcheslav Ianovski**, the JBC's third-ranked junior welterweight, 140, proved too strong for **Yutaka Koyama**, 140, flattening him at 1:22 of the opening session in a scheduled six. Ianovski, 32, a bald boxer, found it easy to catch the victim. He is 4-0 (3); Koyama 7-2 (6).

Ex-Japanese bantamweight champion Keiichi Ozaki, 118, showed his ring experience in outmaneuvering hard-hitting prospect Victory Kodama, 118, en route to a close but unanimous decision in six. Scoring: 60-59 and 59-57 (twice). Ozaki, 18-15-1 (2), had gone the distance against world champions Kaokor Galaxy and Luisito Espinosa. His durability is one of his assets. Ozaki punched back whenever he took some good shots from Kodama, 8-2 (7), the winner of this year's Shinjin-o (Novice King) tourney.

Tsukasa Watanabe, the JBC's top-ranked featherweight, 126, was held to a six-round majority draw by Masahiro Sugiyama, 126, the number-seven contender. In order to decide who would proceed to the final, they fought the additional seventh round. Watanabe, slightly superior in stamina, barely took the session and won the right to fight Koji Matsumoto in the final. Watanabe, a lanky boxer, is 11-1-2 (8). Sugiyama, 22, is 6-3-1 (6).

Ex-Japanese junior welterweight champion Yoshihiro Yamamoto, 140, struggled to a majority draw with Shinichi Maeda, 139, in six. They were also obliged to fight the seventh round, with Maeda ultimately being voted to fight in the final in November. Yamamoto failed to catch his shifty opponent. Maeda didn't impress either; his blows were ineffective despite his busy style. Yamamoto, 24, is 9-2-1 (7). Maeda, the winner of this year's Novice King tourney, is 7-0-1 (5).

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Short but energetic Kazuhiro Ogasawara, the JBC's fifth-ranked junior featherweight, 118, floored skinny lefty Kazuma Saeki, 118, twice and won a unanimous decision in six. Scoring: 57-56 (twice) and 58-56. The winner is 10-2-1 (5); the loser 7-5 (1).

Tadashi Domoto, 135, chalked up a TKO over Masato Iida, 134½, at 2:09 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Domoto is 7-5-1 (7); Iida 6-4-1 (3).

Promoter: A-Class Prize Tournaments Committee

Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)

(9-10-90)

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

SUNGJU—Previously unbeaten OPBF welterweight champion **Yong Bae Cho**, the WBC's 11th-ranked contender, suffered his first defeat, at the hand of his compatriot, **Jung Oh Park**, at 2:50 of the sixth session, losing his regional crown in a scheduled 12-rounder. They exchanged hot rallies over the first five rounds. In the fatal session, the defending champion took command by pinning Park in a corner with a flurry. Park, however, fought back and cornered Cho, scoring with solid body shots. The champion succumbed in agony and was counted out on his first visit to the canvas. After recent military service, Cho apparently lacked sufficient training and revealed the vulnerability of his breadbasket. Cho, 13-1-1 (12), was a prohibitive favorite due to his fine mark and his advantages in height and reach. Park, 16-2 (11), is a former Korean national champion.

Hun Sung, 13-3 (8), the KBC's fifth-ranked lightweight, 137¾, proved too strong for Filipino Jessie Solis, 137½, finishing him at 58 seconds of round one. Solis, the GAB's second-ranked lightweight, fell to 11-8-2 (5).

Filipino Romeo Opriasa, 120, stopped his foreign soil losing run as he won a decision over Suk Hui Cho, the WBC's 20th-ranked bantamweight, 120¼, in eight.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions

(9-1-90)

PUSAN—Sajik Gymnasium—OPBF bantamweight champion **Eun Shik Lee**, the WBA's sixth-ranked contender, won a unanimous 10-round non-title decision over Filipino **Jun Cardinal**. Lee had his right hand injured in the first round, so he attempted to finish the affair in the next session. The Korean had Cardinal on the deck, but then suffered an injury to his left hand. The Filipino was durable enough to withstand Lee's desperate attacks. Lee is 15-2 (12); Cardinal 7-2-2 (2).

(8-28-90)

Joe Koizumi

THAILAND

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakda Sorpakdi**, 11-2 (9), the top-ranked Thai junior featherweight, 124, repeated his triumph over **Chaengpayak Sorsavad**, 124, stopping him in the first round of a scheduled six. The highly ranked Thai had knocked out his victim two months before. This was an unnecessary rematch.

(8-1-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sinthup Sorthanikul**, 21-1 (8), the TBC's second-ranked bantamweight, 118, hit the deck from a left hook of Indonesian opponent **Johanes Muhammad**, 118, in the third session, but retaliated in the next round to finish him with a wicked straight right. Willy Lasut, the manager of Muhammad, harshly protested against repeated low blows by the winner.

(8-2-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Seerach Chorvikul**, 110, easily finished a very amateurish opponent, **Sichol Sithfahcamron**, 110, in the second round of a scheduled six. In Thailand, a poor boxer is called a "street boy," and there are many matchups between rated Thai prospects and street boys in order to improve and establish the formers' records.

(8-5-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Thantavan Napataya**, 122, had an easy time disposing of an ill-conditioned and very fat **Nakarach Kiatsonthaya**, the TBC's eighth-ranked contender, 124, in the fourth session of a scheduled six. Naphataya, the fifth-ranked Thai bantamweight, is 17-5 (9).

(8-6-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—In their rubber match, **Kom Sorthanikul**, 16-6 (5), the TBC's eighth-ranked miniflyweight, 108, was floored thrice, but nonetheless awarded a controversial decision over **Dao Singkrungthon**, the fifth-ranked miniflyweight, 108, in six. Seemingly out of shape due to his lack of sufficient training, the winner amazed the crowd by sending his game opponent to the deck time and again, but looked exhausted in the later rounds.

(8-8-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Asvin Sithlukmuang**, 105, kept the national mini flyweight title by winning a 10-round unanimous decision over **Rojanadej Sorthasneee**, the TBC's fifth-ranked contender. Scoring: 99-94, 98-93, and 99-92. The champion is 9-3 (5).

(8-10-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Monchai Sorjaturong**, 126, the TBC's fourth-ranked lightweight, made the featherweight limit and took a unanimous decision over **Mai Hollywood** (formerly fighting as Dejvarin Hollywood), 126, in 10. It was fought for the vacant Lumpinee Stadium's title. The winner is 4-4 (2). Hollywood, a 40-year-old soldier, is a sparring partner of Khaosai Galaxy, the WBA junior bantamweight champion.

(8-10-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Phalan Lukmingkwan**, 16-1 (7), the IBF mini flyweight champion, retained the throne by unanimous decision over ex-titlist **Eric Chavez**, Philippines, in 12.

Sing (Singchachawan) Singchaval, the TBC's third-ranked flyweight, was dropped by a vicious right hook of Sammy Anric, a hard-punching Filipino, but fought back hard and had him surrender midway through the fourth session in a supporting 10. The loser turned his back to the Thai aggressor. Singchaval is 11-0 (10). He is a hard-punching prospect, but his chin looks vulnerable and his defense must be improved.

(8-15-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Thamin Sithseemork**, the TBC's seventh-ranked bantamweight, 124, stopped **Sathorn Saunmiskavangym**, 124, in the third session.

(8-17-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Terbo Sithumnuen**, the TBC's number-six flyweight, 112, scored a ninth-round knockout over **Plynoi Sormaleevan** to win the Lumpinee Stadium's vacant flyweight title in a scheduled 10. The winner is 11-0 (10).

(8-21-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Seerach Chorvikul**, 110, easily polished off **Thanongdech Sorthaveerat**, 111, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(8-26-90)

BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—**Downmai Sithkodom**, 31-6 (20), the TBC's second-ranked lightweight, 135, was awarded a controversial decision over **Lodavid Patavala**, 134, in 10. Sithkodom attempted to stop the fast-footed Indonesian with body shots. His strategy worked in the fourth round. But the winner looked very tired thereafter, and Patavala piled up points with good use of his left.

(8-26-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Thanomchit Kiatkringkai**, the TBC's top-ranked featherweight, 128, demolished **Korea Donjadee** (not a Korean, but a Thai), 127, in the second round of a scheduled six. The loser had been inactive for three years.

(8-27-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Siagchit Sorchitphatana**, the TBC's third-ranked mini flyweight, 110, easily knocked out **Nua Sithsopha**, 110, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(8-28-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Kajkong Danphoothai**, 15-2 (9), the WBA's third-ranked junior flyweight, 109, proved too strong and fast for less experienced **Lui Singsaunnam**, 112, dropping him thrice en route to a first-round kayo in a scheduled 10.

(8-29-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thai junior flyweight champion **Chairith Kongudom**, 10-1 (9), the WBC's 10th-ranked strawweight, 112, was rendered a disputed verdict over **Thanjai Donjadee**, 112, in six.

(8-30-90)

Joe Koizumi, Ryuichi Kotani, and Naris

INDONESIA

BONGTANG, KALIMANTAN EAST—**Maryanus**, 114¾, became the new OPBF junior bantamweight champion, as he defeated Thai titlist **Sombut Eausampan**, 114¾, by unanimous verdict in 12. The OPBF throne in the 115-pound division had been vacated by Japanese Tatsuya Sugi, who refused to go to the Philippines after his coronation by beating Rolando Bohol. Maryanus fought compatriot Kid Samora to a 12-round draw in an eliminator to decide the new champion in May. Their rematch was expected, but Maryanus was ordered by the OPBF to fight the Thai champion, and not Kid Samora, for the vacant throne.

Ambrosius, 137¾, seized the vacant Indonesian junior welterweight title by scoring a fifth-round TKO over Bisenti Santoso, 139¼, in a scheduled 12.

Basuki, the IBC's second-ranked flyweight, 112, knocked out Leo Tolle, 112, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Wage, the number-two Indonesian junior bantamweight, 115½, was held to a draw by Pirus Boy, 115½, in eight.

Leonard, the IBC's fifth-ranked junior lightweight, 130½, took a unanimous nod over Sas Yanto, 130, in eight.

Promoter: Syamul Anwar

(8-25-90)

KRIDA, KRAKSAAN PROBLINGGO—**Michael Arthur**, 118, secured an important victory as he chalked up a TKO over ex-Indonesian junior bantamweight champion **Aloycius Cry**, 116¾, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

Taraus Clay, the IBC's ninth-ranked junior lightweight, 128¾, drew with Simon Nonta, 131, in eight.

Mintohadi, 110¾, fought to a draw with Mulya Gana, 114, in eight.

Nurcholis, 127, won a unanimous decision over Sambung, 130, in eight.

Juhari Tirta (not the lightweight Juhari), the IBC's second-ranked junior flyweight, 109, gained a unanimous verdict over Moh Sabana, 107½, in eight.

Promoter: Roy Harvanto

(8-25-90)

JAKARTA—Sahadi Jaya Hotel—Fillipino **Rudy Cabiles**, 129¾, surprisingly wrested the OPBF junior lightweight title by winning a split but well-received decision over champion **Hengky Gun**, the WBA's seventh-ranked contender, 129¾, in 12 rounds. Cabiles, 25, was the underdog, but he took the initiative, as Gun left his usual zip and fighting spirit somewhere outside of the ring. The 28-year-old champion was obliged to fight at close range, and Cabiles piled up points with his infighting. Scoring: referee Chaleman Prayadsub (Thailand), 115-114, and judge Rico Chavez (Philippines), 119-112, both for the challenger, and Eddy Sugiarto (Indonesia), 117-114 for the dethroned champion. The newly crowned titlist is a reported 18-3-1 (15); Gun is 37-9-1 (25).

Feder, the IBC's number-seven mini flyweight, 104¾, unanimously outpointed Bagio, 105, in eight.

Veteran Udin Baharruddin, the IBC's eighth-ranked junior flyweight, 108¼, showed his experience and took a unanimous decision over Taufiq Bati, 107¾, in eight. Udin had a crack at Yuh Myung Woo's WBA throne, only to be finished in seven one-sided rounds in November 1987.

Salamun, Indonesia's number-five junior flyweight, 107¼, earned a unanimous decision over Tonny Sumawa, 108¼, in eight.

Yulidin, 113¼, won a unanimous duke over Donny, 111, in eight.

Promoter: Henry P. Therik

Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)

(8-31-90)

TARUTUNG CITY, NORTH SUMATERA—**Lamhot Simamora**, the IBC's number-three 115-pounder, acquired the vacant Indonesian junior bantamweight title with a 12-round decision over **Yossy Amnifu**.

Promoter: Hsudungan Silaban

Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)

(9-3-90)

Joe Koizumi, P. Setijadi Laksono, and Abbas Prabowo

THE PHILIPPINES

BUTAN CITY—Boy Romero, the GAB's third-ranked junior welterweight, 140, eked out a 10-round split duke over **Dante Galogo**, 138.

Noel Toledo, 140, took a unanimous nod over Ric Dolotalas, 141, in 10.

Jun Gavero, 128, earned a 10-round split decision over Al Coquilla, 130.

Ben Adaron, 110, outpointed Bobong Dignos, 110, in 10.

Promoter: Bernard Yu
(8-1-90)

DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR—Sugar Ray Mike, the GAB's third-ranked mini flyweight, 105, chalked up a TKO over **Salvador Maca**, 105, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10.

Rommel Lawas, 105, won from Cris Galon, 105, in 10.

William Jr., 121, decisioned Rene Boy Inocian, 121, in 10.

Primo Erasan, 112, TKO'd Rasel Veronque, 112, in the sixth session.

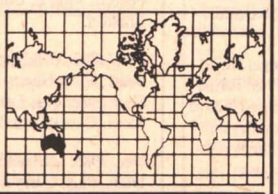
Promoter: William Sanchez Sr.
(8-11-90)

SURIGAO CITY—Rolando Tagalog, 108, unanimously outpointed **Jongjong Cabanes**, 107, in eight.

Roy Clave, 109, decisioned Leo Padenio, 109, in six.

Promoter: Eduardo Lanipa
(8-17-90)

Joe Koizumi, Joaquin Henson and GAB



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AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

ST. GEORGE—Scott Baker, 123½, retained the Queensland state featherweight title by halting **Roy Saunders**, 125¾, in round five of a scheduled 10. It was a good fight, but Baker had too much, and referee Alan Moore rescued Saunders.

In sixes, Lloyd Cole, 185¼, defeated Lou Hirst, 176½, when referee Moore disqualified Hirst in round four. Hirst had been in retirement for some years.

Dave Shaw, 145½, kayoed Benny Hopkins, 150, in one round.

Phil Frost, 143¼, stopped Dale Fogarty, 136¾, in two.

Colin Nelson, 121¼, kayoed Darryl Tattars, 130, in two.

Promoter: Steve Deller
(9-8-90)

GOONDIWINDI—Darrel Hiles, 138¾, halted **Troy Power**, 136¾, in the fifth round to retain the Queensland state junior welterweight title. Power ran out of power, claimed an injured shoulder, and retired in his corner at the end of the fifth. Referee Cyril Cairns, the sole judge, had Hiles winning four of the five rounds.

All supports were amateurs.

Promoter: Buddy Facer
(9-15-90)

NEW SOUTH WALES

BANKSTOWN—Filipino **Manny Melchor**, 110¾, overwhelmed Australian flyweight champion **Peter Mitrevski**, 112¼, and Mitrevski's trainer, Johnny Lewis, leaped into the ring in the fifth round and asked referee Billy Males to stop the fight. It had been exciting, albeit one-sided, throughout. Mitrevski was decked twice in the third and once in the fifth.

Billy Duluth, 116¾, outpointed Tanzanian Lucas Mathew, 118¼, in a good, fast six-rounder.

Prince Foxy Sua, 222¾, Samoa, halted Aussie

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Alan Herbert, 221½, in the fourth of a six-rounder when Herbert ran out of steam and started to accept punishment without return. Referee Ray Wheatley rescued the local.

Craig Butlin, 155¼, outpointed Majid Kalhor, 148¾, over four.

Gabbie Tobia, 147¾, won a four-round decision over Patrick Milo, 152½.

Promoters: Barry Raff, Steve Ghosn
(9-11-90)

CARDIFF—Former Australian junior featherweight champion **Craig Pevy**, 129½, TKO'd Brazilian import **Claudemir Dias**, 129½, in the ninth of a scheduled 10. Dias was courageous and did not shirk any issues, but Pevy had too much. Referee Trevor Christian intervened.

Local Simon Maidment, 139½, outpointed Filipino Fernando Palad, 138¾, in a good eight-rounder.

In another eight, local Alex Wymara, 132½, decisioned Filipino Larry Farmiento, 132½, in a good, close fight.

Sam Francis, 134½, outpointed Darren Flynn, 130¾, via split four-round decision.

Promoter: Bill Mordey's Classic Promotions
(9-12-90)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLAREMONT—Perth Superdome—**Shane Riley**, 138½, won the Australian junior welterweight title with an upset first-round kayo over **Tony Jones**, 137¾. Jones had always controlled Riley in the gym, even kayoing him there, but Riley dropped him three times with right hands to the temple, and the fight was stopped at 1:46 of the round.

Localite Ricardo Monteleone, 152½, stopped Queenslander Barry Boland, 154, in round six, a broken nose bringing the end.

In another 10, local Brad Mogridge, 149½, outpointed Queenslander Percy Israel, 151¼, but Mogridge had a hard job surviving the last 14 seconds. He was decked in that time and was very unsteady over the last six seconds.

In an eight rounder, Australian featherweight champion Tony Miller, heavy at 134½, outpointed Queenslander Tilta Halpin, 134½, in a non-title bout. Halpin was decked four times in the first four rounds but fought back well over the last half.

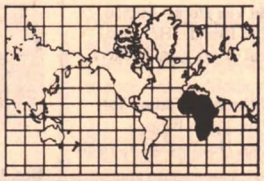
Promoters: Perth Superdrome, Sam Bruno
(9-14-90)

VICTORIA

BENTLEY—Victorian **Ross Richmond**, 138¾, kayoed Queenslander **Les Davies**, 143¼, in the first round of a scheduled 10.

Supports were all amateur.
(9-16-90)

Ray Mitchell



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

WITSIESHOEK—Phuthaditjhaba Hall—In a controversial ending, junior lightweight **William Radebe** was awarded a TKO over **Andrew Molathoe**. The conclusion received a mixed reception; Radabe was awarded the win after striking his opponent behind the head, forcing him to take the full count.

Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(7-15-90)

MUIZENBURG—Muizenburg Civic Centre—Promising welterweight **Leslie "Spike" Brooker**, 6-1-1, had his work cut out to salvage a draw against plucky **Raymond Hoboshe**.

Mark Kobus scored an impressive six-round decision over Neslon Manyathi; junior lightweights.

Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(7-16-90)

CAPE TOWN—Goodwood Centre—Junior welterweight **Monde Soqaka** scored a fifth-round kayo over **Zolani Sirunu**, who was unconscious for several minutes after the stoppage.

Sidima Qhina, the Cape junior lightweight champion, retained the title with a ninth-round TKO over former South African featherweight champion Mxhosana Jongilanga.

Promoter: Kikeleza-International Promotions
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(7-23-90)

SASOLBURG—Belina Club—Former South African junior lightweight champion **Quinton Ryan** was clearly beaten by novice **James Diraditsile** over six rounds.

Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(7-28-90)

UITENHAGE—Uitenhage Indoor Centre—**Vuyani Nene**, the South African junior flyweight champion, lost the title when he failed to make weight for his defense against **Wele Maqolo**. Nene nevertheless completely outboxed Maqolo over 12 rounds.

Despite repeated warnings for low blows, Cape welterweight champion Linda Nondzaba retained the title against Sydney Msutu over 10 rounds.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(7-29-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Indoor Arena—In an upset, 31 year-old **Aladin Stevens** regained the South African lightweight title when he stopped the stylish **Abram Gumede** in the 10th round of a scheduled 12. The cagey veteran made amends for his disputed loss to Gumede in October 1989, taking control from the opening bell and not allowing the champion to fight at close range.

Promoter: Mike Segal
Attendance: 1,300 (estimated)
(7-30-90)

NELSPRUIT—Nelspruit Showgrounds—**Freddie Rafferty** won the vacant Transvaal junior heavyweight crown via tough 10-round split decision over **Herbie Coetzee**.

In an eight-rounder, light heavyweight David Mthembu decisioned Jan Horn.

Promoter: Thinus Strydom-World Sport Promotions
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(7-31-90)

CAPE TOWN—Temple Hall—**Sidwell Skalika** won a six-round decision over **Meshack Mankewu**; featherweights.

Promoter: Jikeleza International Promotions
Attendance: 250 (estimated)
(8-1-90)

SUN CITY-BOPHUTHATSWANA—Super Bowl—In a long-awaited matchup, **Pierre Coetzer**, the South African heavyweight champion, came back from a first-round knockdown to stop once-promising **Johnny DuPlooy** at 2:42 of the second round. DuPlooy was dropped twice in the second.

In a bout featuring two unskilled welterweights, Chris Peters scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Wally Myburgh.

Promoter: Rusell McMillan-Sun International
Attendance: 7,500 (estimated)
(8-4-90)

ELDORADO PARK—Don Mateman Hall—Underdog **Derrick Whiteboy**, 24-3-1, won the South African bantamweight title when he scored a 12-round split decision over **Lybo Nkoko**, 12-1-1. Whiteboy scored with straight lefts and rights to the head and took control against the slower champion.

Promoter: Reggie Hillman
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(8-5-90)

DURBAN—Red Cross Hall—**Thema Xulu** retained the Natal junior heavyweight title with a unanimous 10-round decision over the inexperienced **Themba Mswell** in a dull but gruelling affair.

In a disappointing six-rounder, welterweight Ian Mngadi scored a points decision over Micael Ndlovu.

Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(8-6-90)

SPRINGS—Springs Indoor Centre—**Edward Mogemi** proved a shade too strong for game defending Transvaal lightweight champion **Hope Guliwe**, scoring a 10th-round kayo to take the crown.

In a bout for the vacant Transvaal junior lightweight title, Sipho Ngcobo scored a 10-round decision over the more fancied David Ramantsi.

Promoter: Sam Motsoane
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(8-12-90)

EMPANGENI—Civic Centre—**Joel Matola** scored a unanimous eight-round decision over **John Longo** in an entertaining eliminator for the Natal middleweight title.

Promoter: Themba Mtiyane
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(8-18-90)

DURBAN—D.L.I. Hall—**Aaron Kabi** won the vacant South African junior welterweight title when he completely outclassed **Lulamile Manqina** over 12 dull rounds. The superbly fit Kabi was too clever for Manqina and repeatedly beat him to the punch.

Donald Ngoomane showed promise when he stopped Joseph Tshabalala in the second round; middleweights.

Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(8-19-90)

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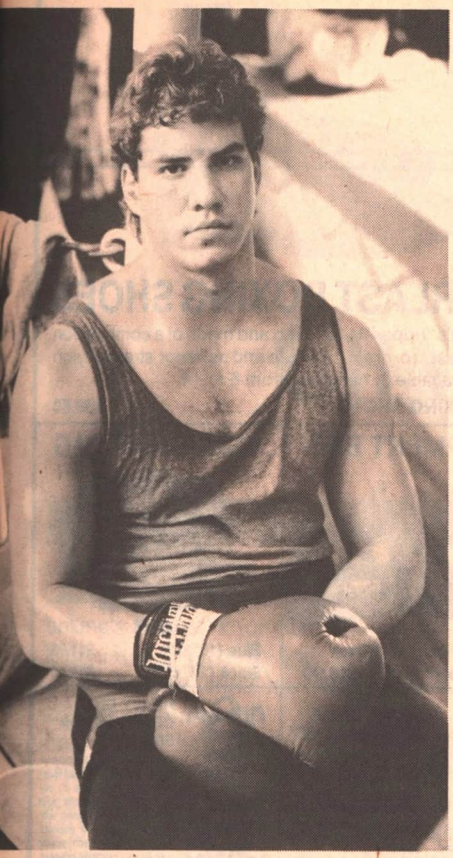

right there. He was great to work with.

After I was done shooting and I came back to boxing and fought John Morton in Atlantic City in October, I was amazed by the amount of people who had missed me as a fighter. I think a lot of people were afraid that I would say, "Ah, the hell with boxing; I want to be an actor." To be honest, probably anybody else in my division would have said that. But fighting is either in your blood or it isn't. It's something that I enjoy and something I feel like I'm pretty decent at. I have tremendous potential. I also have a lot of room for improvement. If I can continue my level of improvement, it's hard telling what I'll do.

The movie was good for my boxing career. It made me work harder. I honestly believe everybody wants to kick my ass now. You know, the Golden Boy type of thing. Everybody that I fight, it's gonna be like their title fight. And that's a big motivator for me. I find myself pushing to levels I had never before reached.

If I ever fight for the title, I'm sure the movie will flash across my mind. Every day that I did fight scenes or even just taped my hands for training scenes, I felt nervous, like I was preparing to go into battle. Whether you're really fighting or not, you get the same feeling.

I honestly feel this will be the last Rocky movie. But I'm sure they never thought there'd be a *Rocky III* or *Rocky IV* either. And I certainly never thought I'd be in *Rocky V*. ■

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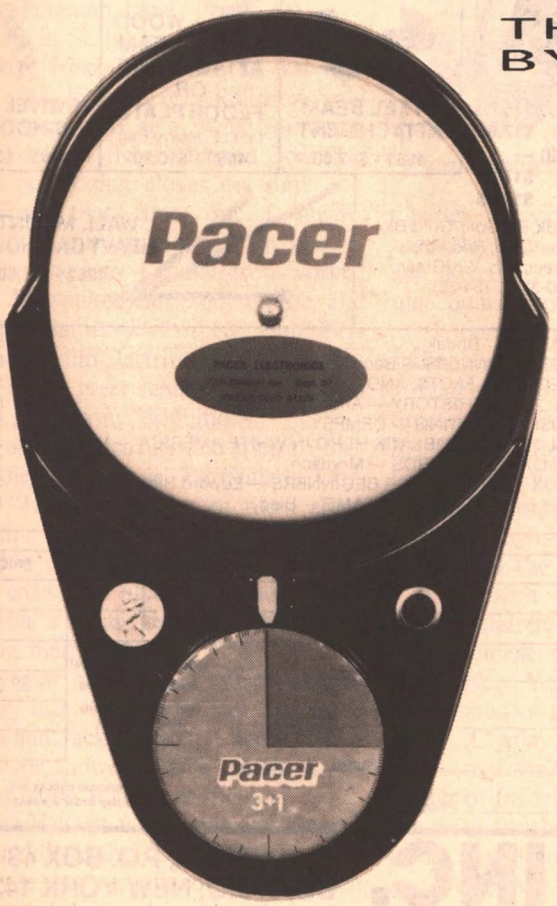

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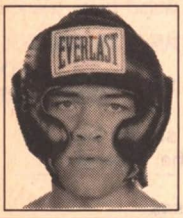

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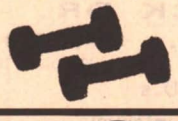

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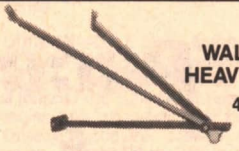

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CHARLEY BALISTRERI

(Disciple of Corbett)

By Peter Ehrmann

It's a good thing for George Foreman and the other youngsters on boxing's Seniors Tour that Charley Balistreri is too busy to join them.

"These fists could hit harder than a 200-pound man, and I never hit anybody twice before he went down," says Charley, who lost only five of 57 pro fights, the last of which was in 1915. In November, Charley, who was a lightweight then and still is, thanks to a diet and exercise regimen that would make Foreman bawl, turned 99.

Born in Sicily, he emigrated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, when he was nine (and still lives there). Balistreri sold newspapers, and at a picnic for newsboys, a local fighter named Joe Percente put boxing gloves on him.

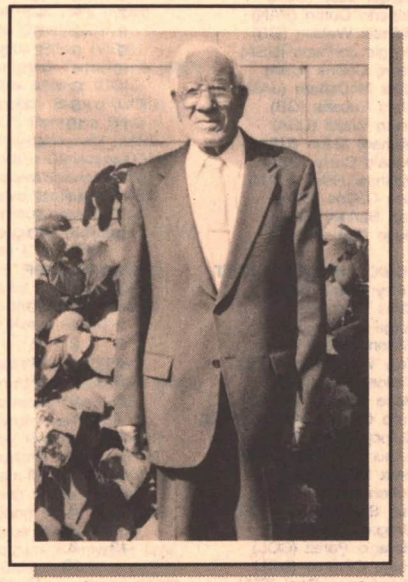
"From that time on, I always looked to put on gloves," he said.

When he was 17, Balistreri worked in a Milwaukee burlesque house and watched James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, and other great champions perform there in sparring exhibitions.

"I studied them all and tried to imitate them," he says. Particularly Corbett. "He was the best of them all, a scientific fighter. I learned what he called a one-two punch, left jab and right cross, and used it very successfully. That's what kept my face from getting marred up.

"I never had a black eye or a mark on my face. Outside of my first three fights and Jack Bennett, I never had to go in the shower after a match. I was always cool, a finished fighter."

Jack Bennett was a sparring partner for middleweight champ Stanley Ketchel. He was brought to town to teach



Charley a lesson after Balistreri, who used the ring name of his old hero, Joe Percente, won eight of his first nine bouts upon turning pro in 1909.

"I was a showman," he says with a smile, "and I became a celebrity.

Bennett knocked down Charley six times in the first three rounds. But in the fourth, after his corner dumped a bucket of cold water over his head, Charley staggered his rival with a right, and the rough, tough middleweight ran away until the final bell.

A rematch was set for Madison, where Balistreri was also a big drawing card. Bennett never showed up.

On New Year's Day, 1915, in the sixth round of a fight he took on short notice, Charley was knocked down. "I was comfortable there," he recalls matter-of-factly, "and I stayed down." He never fought again. In five years as a top attraction in Wisconsin, his biggest purse was $25.

Charley was a railroad worker in 1927, with crippling arthritis in one leg, when he read a book whose thesis was "There's no reason a man shouldn't live 170 years." It emphasized a diet low in meat and high in fruit, nuts, vegetables, and grains, and suggested that dumping all prescribed medications in the ocean "would be the poorest thing for fish and the greatest for humanity." Charley has followed the plan ever since, and now, closing in on the century mark, answers a question about how he feels with a hearty, "Delicious! No problems whatsoever!"

He looks 30 years younger than his age, has a memory for dates and facts that some retired U.S. Presidents who never even took a punch are probably just as glad they *don't* have, drives his own car, keeps his own house, shovels his neighbors' driveways in the winter, and hauls produce at a farmers' market in the summer. And he prefers jogging to walking.

If he does live to be 170, fine; but "I don't think about anything tomorrow," says Charley. "I live today."

Last April, Charley won an oratory contest at a Toastmasters Club, talking about his life. "You taught me what it is to be alive," wrote one judge.

His volubility flags only when the subject is the reason for his first defeat in the ring, in his second pro fight, vs. Jack Gainer, more than 80 years ago.

"I don't want to say it,' says Charley, for there are things a gentleman does not talk about. But a second later: "Well, I will say it. I dissipated the night before," he confesses. Then his finger comes up for emphasis: "But it never happened again!" ■

Peter Ehrmann is a freelance writer based in Wisconsin.

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HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
George Foreman (USA)	4	4	8
Gary Mason (GB)	5	6	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	8	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	5	5
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	9	10
Mark Wills (USA)	9	-	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	10	6
Carl Williams (USA)	12	7	4
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	-	7
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Glenn McCrory (GB)	-	9	10
Richard Mason (USA)	11	8	3
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	4
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Bash Ali (USA)	-	11	8
Jean Chanet (FRA)	-	-	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dennis Andries (GB)	C	-	-
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	1	1	9
Bobby Czyz (USA)	2	5	2
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	3	7	10
Tom Collins (GB)	4	2	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	5	6	7
Yawe Davis (UGA)	6	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	7	3	11
Sergio Merani (ARG)	8	9	-
Booker Word (USA)	9	4	3
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	10	10	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	21	8	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	12	-	1
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	-	-	4
Freddie Delgado (PR)	22	-	5
Frank Tate (USA)	13	-	6
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	8

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	2	1
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	3	8	10
Ron Essett (USA)	4	6	4
Dan Schommer (USA)	5	-	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	6	5	9
Don Lee (USA)	7	-	-
Dan Morgan (USA)	8	7	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	9	1	6
Paul Whittaker (USA)	10	12	-
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	11	3	3
Salvador Maciel (MEX)	-	9	-
John Jarvis (USA)	-	10	2
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	5
Tony Thornton (USA)	14	-	7
Nelson Aviles (GER)	-	-	8

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (USA)	1	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	2	2	3
Lindell Holmes (USA)	3	-	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	4	1	5
Dennis Milton (USA)	5	6	8
Merqui Sosa (USA)	6	8	12
Roberto Duran (PAN)	7	7	-
Michael Watson (GB)	8	9	6
Reggie Johnson (USA)	9	3	2
Steve Collins (USA)	10	4	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	5	-
Kevin Watts (USA)	11	10	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Donald Curry (USA)	14	-	1
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	4
Ron Collins (USA)	12	11	7
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	9
Hugo Corti (ARG)	19	-	10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	1	5	10
Jorge Castro (ARG)	2	4	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	3	2	2
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	8
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	5	1	9
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	6	9	-
Julio Cesar Vazquez (ARG)	7	6	-
Quincy Taylor (USA)	8	-	-
Arthur Serwano (USA)	9	-	6
Brett Lally (USA)	10	-	11
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Jun Sok Hwang (KOR)	15	3	-
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	7	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	13	8	-
Hugo Olivares (BOL)	-	10	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	12	-	1
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	3
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	11	11	4
Ron Amundson (USA)	-	-	5
Tyrone Trice (USA)	-	-	7

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Maurice Blocker (USA)	C	-	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	1	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	2	4	2
Marlon Starling (USA)	3	-	4
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	4	3	5
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	5	12	-
Mark Breland (USA)	6	5	7
Jose Bermudez (COL)	7	9	-
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	8	8	8
Genaro Leon (MEX)	9	-	11
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	10	6	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	C	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	6
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	7	3
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	13	10	9
Antoine Fernandez (FRA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	4	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	-	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	3	5	4
Angel Hernandez (PR)	4	2	-
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	5	-	-
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	6	3	8
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	7	-	-
Efren Calamati (ITA)	8	-	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	9	-	5
Primo Ramos (MEX)	10	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	1	-
Pat Barrett (ENG)	12	6	10
Rafael Pineda (COL)	11	7	2
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	15	8	-
John Meekins (USA)	17	9	11
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	14	10	7
Louie Lomeli (USA)	25	11	1
Charles Murray (USA)	21	-	3
Rodney Moore (USA)	19	12	6
Terrence Alli (GUY)	16	-	9

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	C	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	2	1
Darryl Tyson (USA)	4	7	4
Anthony Jones (USA)	5	10	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	6	-	2
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	7	11	11
Carl Crook (GB)	8	-	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	9	-	10
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	10	9	-
Primo Ramos (MEX)	-	4	5
Juan Nazario (PR)	18	5	6
William Rojas (VEN)	-	6	-
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	11	8	-
Eduardo Molina (COL)	25	-	7
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	8
Edwin Rosario (PR)	-	-	9

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	3	2	-
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	4	6	9
Bernard Taylor (USA)	5	11	6
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	6	-	-
Jim McDonnell (GB)	7	12	-
John-John Molina (USA)	8	-	1
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	9	-	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	16	1	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	12	3	7
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	4	-
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	5	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	7	-
Rudy Cabiles (PHIL)	-	8	11
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	11	9	4
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	10	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	25	-	2
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	3
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	5
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	8
Calvin Grove (USA)	23	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	1	5	12
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	2	2	2
Javier Marquez (MEX)	3	-	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	4	-	6
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	5	3	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	6	6	4
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	-	-
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	8	8	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	9	1	-
Ever Beleno (COL)	10	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	4	-
Alfred Rangel (USA)	11	7	3
Harold Warren (USA)	-	9	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	10	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Troy Dorsey (USA)	13	-	1
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	17	-	5

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WBA as of September
IBF as of October

Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	7
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	8
Francisco Arreola (USA)	-	-	9
Julian Solis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	1	10	5
Tracy Patterson (USA)	2	2	4
Jesse Benavides (USA)	3	4	2
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	4	-	-
Chan Young Park (KOR)	5	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	6	-	-
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	7	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	8	3	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	9	6	7
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	15	C	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	14	7	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	1	1	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	-	5	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	8	-
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	9	3
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	18	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	6
Jemal Hinton (USA)	-	12	8
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	9
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	4	6
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	4	3	5
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	5	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	6	9	4
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	7	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	10	-	1
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	-	1	-
Isreal Contreras (VEN)	-	2	2
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	6	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	13	8	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	10	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Duke McKenzie (GB)	16	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	-	-	7
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	28	-	8
Fernie Morales (USA)	-	-	9
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	21	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	2	-	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	5	8
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	4	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	5	3	2
David Griman (VEN)	6	1	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	7	-	-
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	8	6	11
Johnny Tapia (USA)	9	8	6
Carlos Mercado (COL)	10	10	1
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	14	2	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	16	4	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	17	7	-
William Ramos (PR)	-	9	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Juan Polo (COL)	15	-	3
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	4
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	5
Vincenzo Belcastro (SA)	-	11	7
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	-	-	9
Marianus (INDO)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	12
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	-	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	-	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	5	7	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	6	5	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	7	-	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	8	9	-
Pat Clinton (GB)	9	-	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	10	2	-
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	15	3	2
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	13	4	3
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	6	-
Torsak Osoisapa (THAI)	-	8	5
Carlos Salazar (USA)	11	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	1
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	6
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	12	-	8
Pedro Feliciano (USA)	-	-	9
Al Kotey (GHA)	-	-	10

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	1	-	2
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	2	2	4
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	3	-	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	4	-	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	5	5	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	6	4	1
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	7	9	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	8	-	9
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	9	-	-
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	10	-	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	11	1	5
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	6	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	12	7	6
Juan Torres (PAN)	-	8	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	10	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Ysaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	3
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	-	-	7
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	8
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Hector Patri (ARG)	3	-	6
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	10	2
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	8
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THAI)	8	-	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	9	6	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	27	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	26	9	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Rocky Lim (JAP)	24	12	3
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	12	-	4
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	5
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	29	-	7
Abdi Pohan (INDO)	-	-	9
Joe Constantino (PHI)	-	-	10

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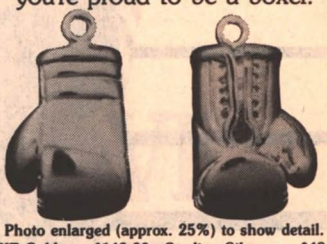

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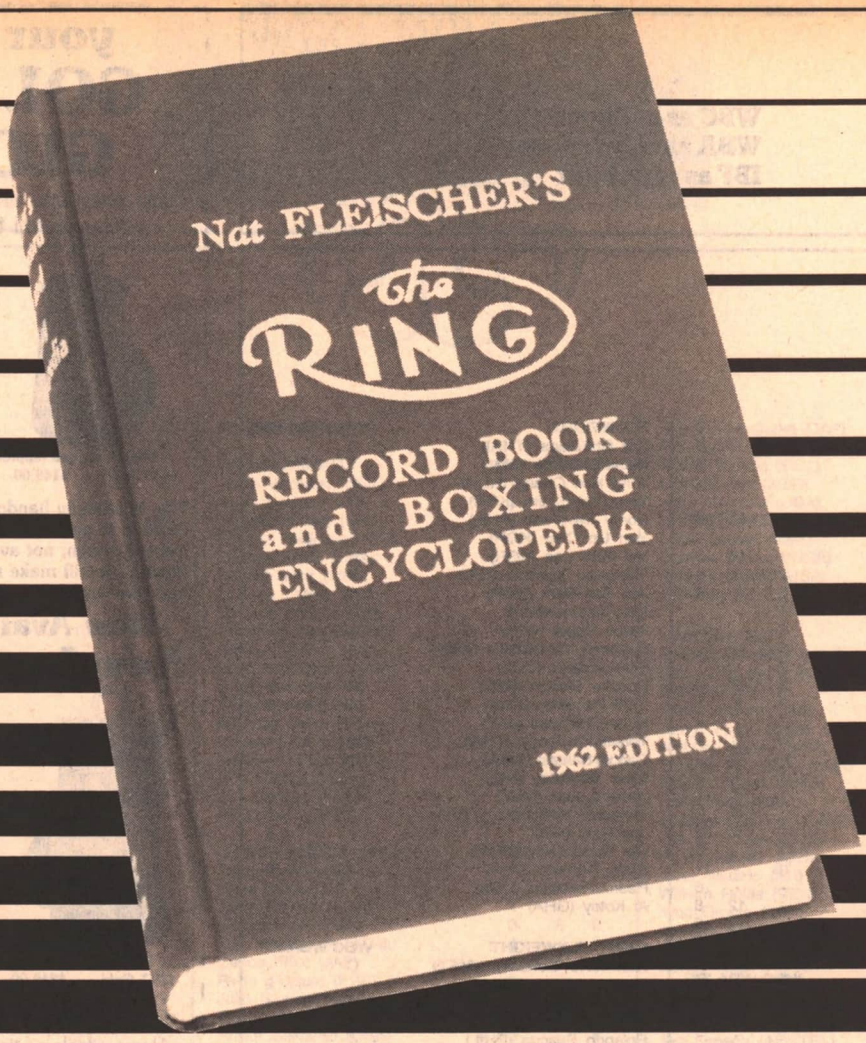

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"HOW I WOULD HAVE CLOBBERED CLAY" BY JOE LOUIS

From The Ring, February 1967

By Joe Louis, As Told To George Whiting

Cassius Clay's got lots of ability, but he is not The Greatest. He's a guy with a million dollars worth of confidence and a dime's worth of courage. I could have whipped him. In all honesty, I feel it in my bones. Clay can be clobbered, and if you'll pardon an old-timer talking, I am certain I know how.

These days, I get to the fights in most parts of the world, especially when Clay is defending my old heavyweight title. We kid around the training camps a little, and Clay makes speeches and goes into his act, telling the folks how he would have fought Joe Louis. I play along. It don't harm nobody. Maybe helps the action, puts a few dollars on the take.

Legendary former heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Cassius Clay willingly clowned around whenever they saw each other. But when pressed to analyze how he would have matched up against "The Greatest," Louis offered a detailed explanation of his plan for a certain knockout victory.

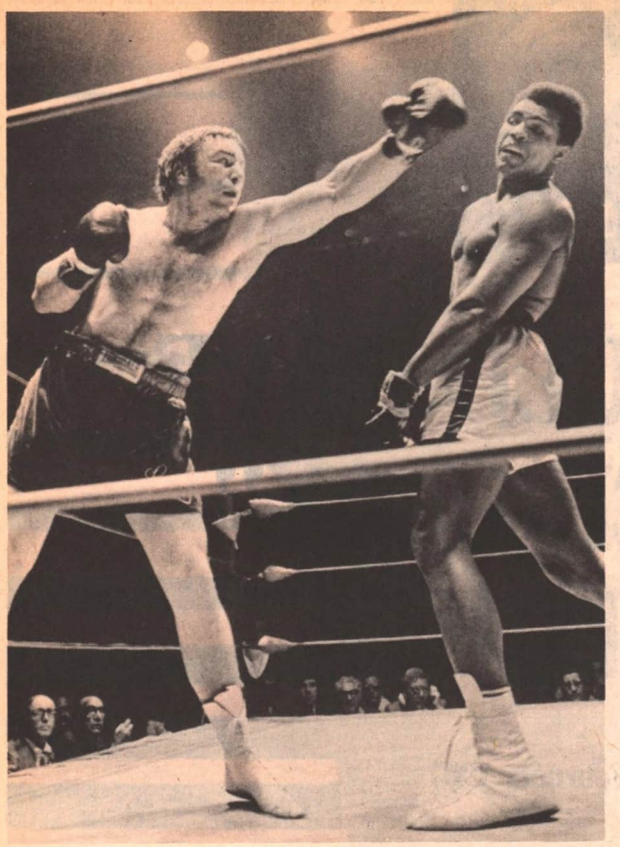
Fellows come up, asking for autographs, that kind of thing, and tell me I could have licked Clay with the Empire State Building tied to my feet. I don't say anything.

But a man gets thoughts sitting there watching Clay. I seen him fooling in the gym, and I seen nearly all his fights, right through from Willie Besmanoff, way back in Louisville, to Cleveland Williams in Houston. Sometimes Clay fights good and sometimes he pulls rhubarbs that should get his head knocked off if the other guy knew his trade like they made me learn mine.

Trouble with Clay, he thinks he knows it all. Fights with his mouth. He won't listen. Me, first thing I learned in the fight game was to keep my trap shut and my ears wide open, especially when my wise old trainer, Chappie Blackburn, was telling me things for my own good.

We did all right. Seems like I won a championship, so maybe I'm entitled to speak up a word or two of truth after all these years. And the truth in my book is I'm sure I could've put Clay away, and also know how.

Clay says he's got the fastest hands and the fastest feet of any heavyweight who ever was born. That's his opinion and he's entitled to it. The kid has speed and can surely box when he has to. There's nobody around to outbox him, and



George Chuvalo missed often in two fights vs. Clay. Louis said that the Canadian got his openings "by accident, and then fouled them up."

the opponent who tries is in his grave. Especially in the middle of the ring. With room to move, Clay's a champion, real dangerous. But he doesn't know a thing about fighting on the ropes, which is where he would be if he were in there with me. He's all confused, his feet in knots, and his body wide open to everything.

I didn't see Henry Cooper put Clay down in their first fight in London, but I'd like to bet Clay was coming off the ropes when he got caught with that left hook.

I certainly saw that German southpaw, [Karl] Mildenberger, bang him good in a corner, and that was when Mildenberger had been battered into a hopeless, beat-up hulk in the 10th round. Clay did not appreciate that punch one bit, but if Mildenberger had known enough to send it over when he was fresh, I figure Clay would have appreciated it a whole lot less.

Sure, Clay's got fancy feet in the middle of the ring, faster even than Billy Conn or Bob Pastor, two of the quickest men who ever gave me a run-around till I caught up. But Clay wastes his footwork, stumbling around like Conn and Pastor never did, from where I was looking.

There's a couple of other things about Clay. He drops his left hand when he should be protecting that pretty face he's always talking about. Doing a fool thing like that in a championship fight, he could wind up looking like a meat wagon, or maybe riding in one.

Dropping your left hand ain't healthy. It was a weakness of my own till Max Schmeling taught me the hard way in our first fight.

If I were fighting Clay, I would start licking him at least five weeks before the bell, right in the training camp . . . some place like my old stand at Pompton Lakes.

There wouldn't be too much of the fancy fixin's and show-biz routines they give you in the gymnasiums these days, but there sure would be some murder going on. I never fooled around in workouts.

I would pay top wages for the five fastest sparring partners I could buy. I would need quick targets to speed up my hands for a fast opponent like Clay, and I would feel real sorry for those boys by the time we were through.

Clay has his own idea about sparring. Me, too. There would be no horsing around. I never did pull punches with sparmates. Fighting was my business, and a man shouldn't play games in business hours. If I were training to whip Clay, my partners would go home bruised and busted up round the body, even from big gloves. Anyone who couldn't take it would be out, long before fight night.

And if I was boss in camp, I'd aim to be boss in the ring, where the gloves come smaller. Any man who fights Clay's fight is crazy. With me, Clay would have to fight a Joe Louis fight, my way, all the way. Which means I would go in to outpunch him rather than try to outbox him. I once thought I could keep up with Billy Conn, and for a long time it didn't take.

I'd see to it that Clay did not stay in ring-center. Out there, I could be the Patsy on the wrong end of the punishment. No, he'd be hit into those ropes as near a corner as I could get him . . . someplace where, from all I've seen, he just does not know how to fight.

If he stayed on the ropes, he'd get hurt. Sooner or later he'd try to bounce off, and when he did he would get hurt more. That's what the fight game is all about.

I'd press him, bang him around, claw him, clobber him with all I had, cut down his speed, belt him round the ribs. I'd punish the body, where the pain comes real bad. I know; I can still feel the trip-hammers Rocky Marciano hit me with when he knocked me out when he was on the way up and I was on the way out.

Clay would have welts on his body like I did. He would ache, like I did. His mouth would shut tight against the pain, and there would be tears burning his eyes. It is not very funny being under fire from bodypunches, and it wouldn't help Clay any looking for his trainer, Angelo Dundee, to come riding into the ring with a rescue posse.

Those guys in the corner fight good during the intervals, but they can't give you any more fists or any more heart when some guy's caving your ribs in.

"Kill the body and the head will die," Chappie used to tell me. It figures.

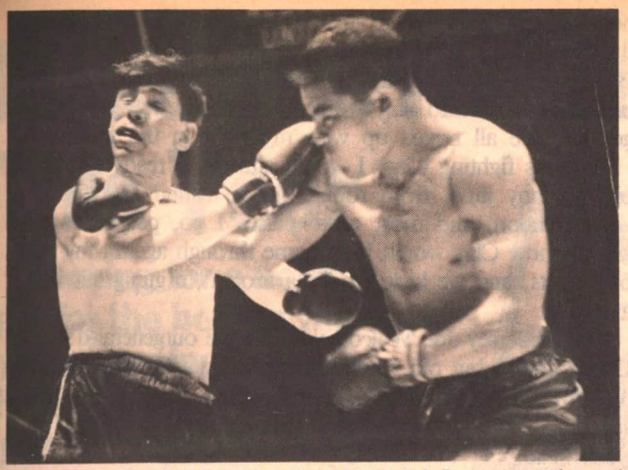
Sooner or later, I think Clay would get the message. Get it so good that he'd stop worrying about that face of his and drop his left hand like he did against Mildenberger and George Chuvalo. Those fellows got their openings by accident, and then fouled them up. I would work for it, and I wouldn't reckon to miss when it arrived.

If I goofed with a world title and a million dollars or so in the pot—plus all that television money these days—then I would not have any right to be in there with a smart fighter like Cassius Clay.

But only smart so far. Clay coming out of a corner all confused, busted up from bodypunches, would be a sucker for any opponent waiting for him with a shot in the locker. I'd be waiting, ready with something hot.

I haven't got around to figuring what kind of punch I'd send in for the payroll, but I learned several in my day. A one-punch fighter is only half a fighter. Take away his hammer and he's nothing. You have to be properly equipped.

When I won my title from Jim Braddock, I cut Jim's lip with a left hook, but that was only by way of preparation



Louis said that Clay had faster feet than old foe Bob Pastor, an 11th-round victim in September 1939. "But Clay wastes his footwork," he added.

for the payoff. When his legs began to wobble, I put my whole body behind a right to the jaw, and Jim dropped on his face for goodbye.

Maybe I could hit Clay with that kind of right. It takes all sorts, like in my second fight with Max Schmeling. A right to the jaw gave Max a three-count; he took two more from a one-two combination; then I threw a straight left jab and a right cross for keeps. But all these counts started from a right to the ribs after Max had bounced off the ropes with his legs in a mess.

I owed Max a thing or two. After he beat me two years earlier, I spent lots of time studying his style before I discovered he was a sucker for a left jab.

I honestly feel I could have turned the same kind of trick against Clay, but my feelings don't predict which round. Only poets go around predicting.

I was prepared to travel all the way against Schmeling, but I got my chance to tag him in one. Contrariwise, I was

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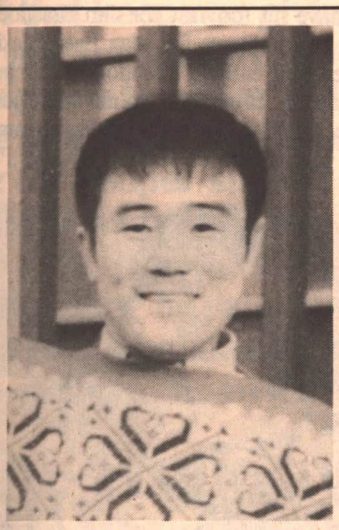

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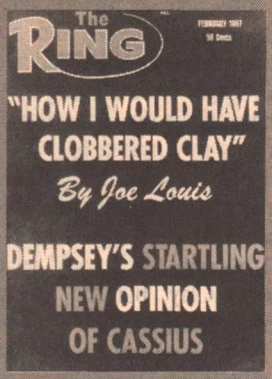
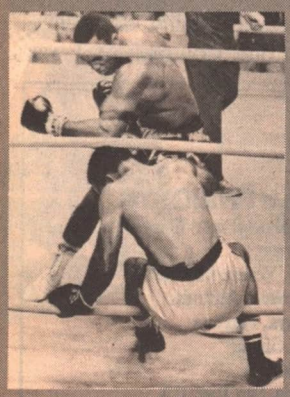
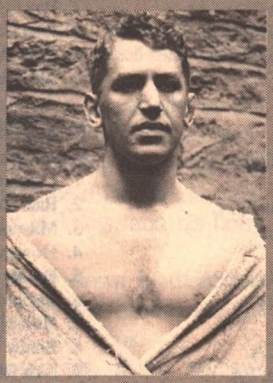
The Cover: Heavyweight Cassius Clay is dominating the headlines worldwide. In the cover stories, Joe Louis details how he would have "clobbered" Clay, and Jack Dempsey, impressed by Clay's kayo of Cleveland Williams, says, "No matter what you call him, he's going to be around for a long time."





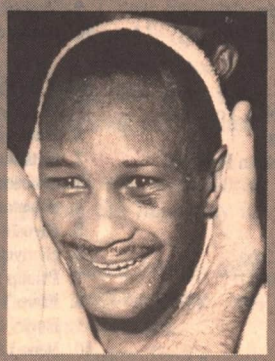
Smokin' Toward The Top: Don Fraser covers unbeaten (13-0) heavyweight Joe Frazier's dominant 10th-round stoppage of veteran Eddie Machen at Los Angeles' famed Olympic Auditorium (pictured). "I am ready right now for Clay," the winner said. His enthusiasm, however, was tempered by manager Yank Durham, who countered, "Whoa! Let's be logical."

The Hall Of Fame: *The Ring's* annual elections result in four additions, including former world champions Battling Levinsky (pictured), Kid Gavilan, Archie Moore, and James (Deaf) Burke, a claimant of the English championship in the first half of the 19th century.



Beating The Big Guys: After puffed-up light heavyweight Johnny Persol outpointed burly California heavyweight Amos "Big Train" Lincoln at Madison Square Garden (pictured), ringsiders were describing him as "a big Willie Pep." Persol credited his success to his association with his new manager/trainer, Gil Clancy.

Fighter Of The Month: Newly crowned welterweight champion Curtis Cokes (pictured) receives the honors based on his title-winning decision victory over France's Jean Josselin. Runner-up is lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz, who stopped Filipino challenger Flash Elorde in the 14th round.



hoping for a quick kill in my first fight with Billy Conn on the New York Polo Grounds. But I came in too light, and Billy breezed along so fast he nearly took my title. Too bad he finally decided to slug it out, like I hoped he would, and got his face all mixed up with my right in the 13th.

If I was fighting Clay, I would aim to be ready with the big one any time, from round one to round 15.

In London, and most other places I go, people always ask me how Clay would have come through against my old opponents, and we kick the thing around, arguing this way and that.

I think Jersey Joe Walcott would have outgeneraled him. Clay is faster, but old Joe had better style and better brains. When he dropped his left hand it wasn't a mistake. It was to feint you on to a right hand that could bring the roof on your head.

Billy Conn was like lightning. He learned his trade in the small clubs, from welter right through to heavyweight. He could have kept up with Clay because his legs knew where they were going. Only thing is, Clay and Conn would have been running away from each other so fast that there would have been no fight.

Clay, I think, would have hit too fast for Jim Braddock and would have had too many moves for Max Baer. Maxie packed a punch but never paid enough attention to learning his business the hard way: in camp and round the clubs.

Schmeling could have taken Clay with his right, same way he took me when I forgot to keep my left up after I'd jabbed with it in our first fight.

Louis said that once, when Clay was shouting, "I am The *Greatest*!" he saw "The Brown Bomber" and began shouting, "*We* is The Greatest!"

But, of all my old opponents, the one to give Clay the worst time would have been Rocky Marciano. The Rock didn't know too much about the boxing book, but it wasn't a book he hit me with. It was a whole library of bonecrushers.

If Marciano caught up with him, I figure Clay would get discouraged and start looking for Angie Dundee to cut his gloves off.

Nobody ever beat Marciano, and I was wrong when I thought I was still young enough to know how. I could be wrong about Clay as well, but it's good to forget the calendar once in a while and dream up ways of whipping the man who wears your old crown.

Once I happened to walk along when Clay was hollering, "I am The Greatest!" to some fellows outside the Theresa Hotel in Harlem. When he saw me, Clay came over and shouted to the crowd, "This is Joe Louis. WE is The Greatest!"

That was nice. Cassius Clay is a nice boy and a smart fighter. But I'm sure Joe Louis could have licked him. ■

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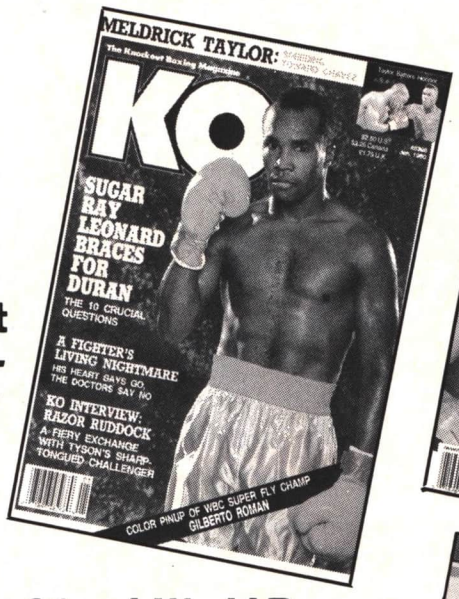

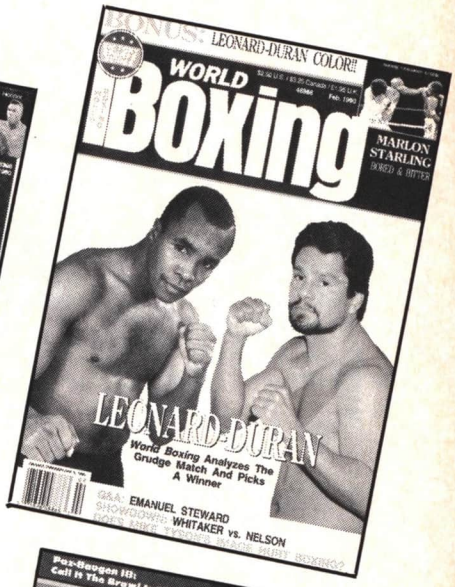

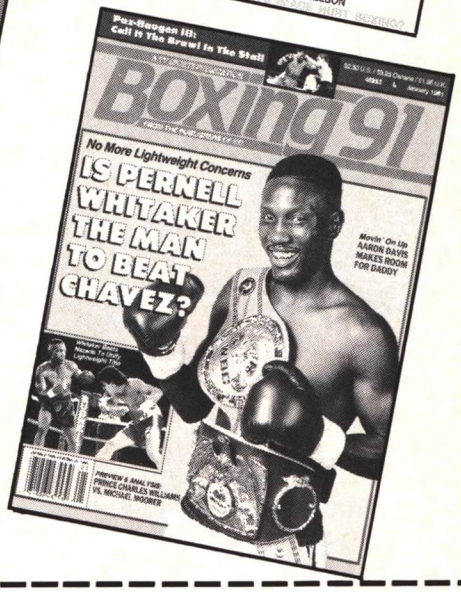

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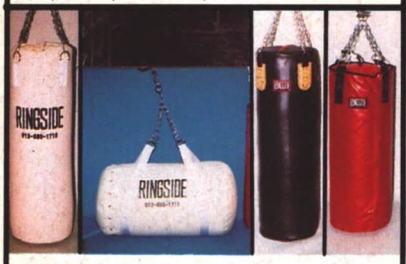

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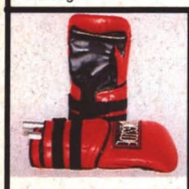

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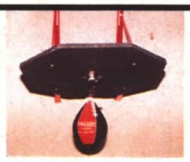

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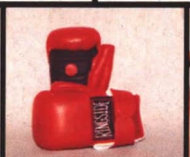

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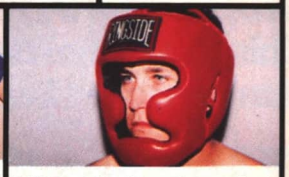

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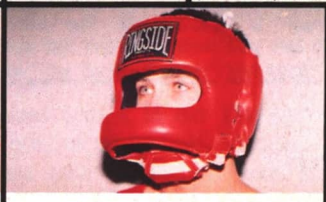

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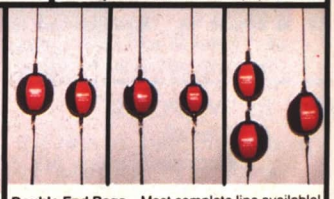

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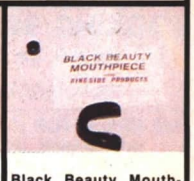

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